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1 able to be hacked within minutes and election results  
2 flipped to the opposite candidate simply by switching  
3 out the memory card used to track vote totals. This  
4 hack was shown on the HBO documentary Hacking Democracy  
5 which was nominated for an Emmy in 2007. The problem is  
6 countless individuals have access to election equipment  
7 before and during election day and the ability to easily  
8 switch out a memory card.

9 And to quote once again this evening from  
10 the Carter Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform  
11 from 2005 their report, software can be modified  
12 maliciously before being installed --

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I want to go ahead and  
14 ask you to the extent that you possibly can -- to the  
15 extent that you're familiar with the legislation to  
16 limit your testimony to Senate Bill 362 which -- which  
17 does not involve election equipment --

18 MS. KARP: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- if possible. If you  
20 are not entirely familiar with the constraints of the  
21 legislation, then do your best, but --

22 MS. KARP: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- but it doesn't have  
24 anything to do with election equipment.

25 MS. KARP: Okay. Well and, we will come



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1 back in the future -- future hearings hopefully and  
2 discuss this further.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We do -- We have an  
4 election equipment hearing on the 15th of April and  
5 you're welcome to attend.

6 MS. KARP: I understand. I left back  
7 there at my seat, but several studies and reports.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: If you can't make  
9 finance, call my staff. They'll give you an update.

10 MS. KARP: Okay. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Uh-huh.

12 MS. KARP: On the subject of Voter ID, I  
13 think I just want to reiterate what's been said before  
14 me. I think it is a fake problem. I think this  
15 legislation is unnecessary. I think there are all types  
16 of fraud that need to be addressed in our voting  
17 systems, but people impersonating voters is not one of  
18 them.

19 And just one last point. I'd like to  
20 clear up something for the record. The dead voters from  
21 Lyndon B. Johnson's senate campaign, his election in  
22 1948 in Duval County, those were not individual people  
23 posing as dead voters to get to vote. Those were  
24 election officials insiders who rigged that election for  
25 Lyndon Johnson. As the Carter Baker commission said,



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1 insiders are one of our biggest threats in election  
2 fraud situations and that was just another case of  
3 insiders committing election fraud, and it was not a  
4 case of a voter impersonating a -- or voter  
5 impersonating a dead person in order to get in a vote  
6 that they did not deserve. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions for Ms.  
8 Karp, members? Oh, he's back. Oh, we got an  
9 exhibit for you. No questions. Thank you very much.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is Exhibit A.  
11 We'll go take a look at it over there.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, very nice. I  
13 had hair once.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Matthew Mannis on behalf  
15 of his testifying in favor of Senate Bill 362. Please  
16 state your name and who you represent.

17 MR. MANNIS: My name is Matthew Mannis.  
18 I'm from Georgetown, Texas. I'm retired and I'm  
19 representing myself and most of my family, which is 10  
20 children and their spouses, 23 grandchildren and a lot  
21 of other family, but I came here today to testify on --  
22 I mean, for bill --

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Senate Bill.

24 MR. MANNIS: Senate Bill -- I'm sorry.  
25 Senate Bill. It's late.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I understand.

2 MR. MANNIS: Senate Bill 362, and, please,  
3 I do not mean any disrespect to you guys on the  
4 comparisons that I'm going to make because I've been in  
5 your place. I was a city councilman. I listened to  
6 testimony on ordinances and a lot of other things. But  
7 what this looks like is that you guys are polishing the  
8 car while the wheels are falling off, and I think it's  
9 time for you to put the wheels back on.

10 And the reason I'm saying that is that  
11 you're looking at 98 percent of the problem being  
12 solved. And you have a database of all the -- the  
13 licenses and people. You can set it up in a poll. You  
14 can click Mack Mannis. You can click my address and  
15 whatever. There's my picture. And it's solid.  
16 98 percent is solid.

17 And the reason I'm saying that is that we  
18 keep on worrying about the other 2 percent. I'm worried  
19 about the other 2 percent also, but let's don't let the  
20 2 percent stop from a Voter ID. You have to have Voter  
21 IDs for everything that you do in this country now.

22 I think it's -- We need a fair play. I  
23 think the Voter ID system needs to be worked on, but I  
24 think this is one -- one of the solutions. And, by the  
25 way, you can fold this to fit in your wallet. That's



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1 about all I have, if you guys have any questions.

2 There is one item and we need a little  
3 levity. That very young girl from UT, and I wanted to  
4 tell her from the very old guy from U of H, that you  
5 have a 10 days to change your driver's license in the  
6 State of Texas, and if you get stopped for speeding, you  
7 get another ticket for not being in the right location.  
8 So I think that that's not correct. She can't live  
9 someplace else and have a driver's license in one place.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
11 members, of Mr. Mannis? Thank you very much.  
12 Representative Brown?

13 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: You made reference  
14 to something that someone else earlier said, and this is  
15 all kind of running together for me, about bringing up  
16 your picture on the computer screen, and it made me  
17 start thinking earlier, maybe we're -- maybe we're  
18 focusing on the picture at the wrong place, that you  
19 shouldn't have to carry something with your picture on  
20 it.

21 MR. MANNIS: That's what I'm --

22 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: If the system had  
23 your picture there --

24 MR. MANNIS: It's already there.

25 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- and it comes up



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1 on the computer screen, the person looks up and says,  
2 yeah, that's you, and so the -- it's not -- it's not  
3 placed on you for the responsibility of presenting a  
4 photo ID. You're presenting yourself to compare with  
5 what's in the computer.

6 MR. MANNIS: And the cost savings.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I honestly never  
8 thought of it that way till it was stated earlier, and I  
9 thought maybe we're going at this wrong.

10 MR. MANNIS: Well, the cost savings would  
11 be astounding, and -- and you would have -- you would be  
12 able to pin a guy down right away. You know, you pull  
13 up Matt Mannis and you pull up say a back guy, well,  
14 obviously, that's not correct. So I think that's  
15 something you guys really need to take a look at, and  
16 let's solve the 98 percent and work on the 2 percent.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: That may be for  
18 another day. The way I see it, we need to go ahead and  
19 get photo ID passed --

20 MR. MANNIS: Yes.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- and do it as  
22 quickly as possible and implement it, and people that --  
23 that do have to get an ID, I think they're that much  
24 better off because they can use it for other things --

25 MR. MANNIS: Yes.



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1 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- and -- And I  
2 really think they'll be helped by having an ID.

3 MR. MANNIS: Thank you for your time.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, sir. The  
6 chair calls Sylvia Mendoza. Here? Testifying in favor  
7 of Senate Bill 362. Please state your name and who you  
8 represent.

9 MS. MENDOZA: Hello. Thank you, Chair.  
10 My name is Sylvia Mendoza, and I represent myself, my  
11 family, my friends, Hispanic Americans that believe like  
12 I do, and some of the graduating class that I've talked  
13 to that's Hispanic from 1973. This is directed to those  
14 of you who are against the Voter ID.

15 Do you know what the definition of illegal  
16 is? It is banned, forbidden, prohibited, felonious,  
17 unlawful, not legal, wrong, unjust, and  
18 unconstitutional. Even though it is unconstitutional,  
19 voter fraud has been committed. One reason there may  
20 not be too many documented cases of voter fraud is  
21 because exactly that. It was voter fraud. People got  
22 away with it.

23 I've had a Social Security card, but I  
24 acquired a fake Social Security card on the black  
25 market. It was easy to acquire, and it is accepted as



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1 if it were valid. Right now it is almost as easy to  
2 sometimes get by without having the legal right to vote.  
3 A lot of people who voted this presidential election  
4 were people who had never voted before. Some did not  
5 respect and honor the right to vote before. Some say  
6 they didn't love America until now. What a shame.

7 I feel now is the time for the Voter ID to  
8 prepare for the future. If you don't vote for it now,  
9 you will be voting for it later. You all have a duty to  
10 us citizens, our lawmakers, so do your job and make this  
11 a deterrent to prepare and make it nearly impossible for  
12 voter fraud.

13 Anyone who votes against it is not doing  
14 everything within their power for this great state  
15 within this great country, and I am a Hispanic. But,  
16 first of all, I'm an American -- third generation  
17 American, and I do not want special treatment. All  
18 elections should be fair. Vote for SB362. Thank you.

19 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: Thank you,  
20 Ms. Mendoza. Does anybody have any questions? Okay.

21 The chair calls Andrea Pena? She was here  
22 for the Citizens of Progresso, so I guess she left. She  
23 did not testify, but she wanted to show herself in favor  
24 of the bill.

25 The chair calls John Yarber. John, are



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1 you here? Retired citizen representing himself, showing  
2 against the bill, and he did not testify.

3 The chair calls Ramiro Mondragon  
4 representing himself, wishing to show himself against  
5 the bill. He did not testify.

6 The chair calls Rene Lara? Rene, are you  
7 still here? Rene is with the Texas AFL-CIO, and he is  
8 against the bill, and he is testifying. Renee, go ahead  
9 and give us your full name.

10 MR. LARA: I'll make it quick. As a  
11 matter of fact --

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Give us your full name  
13 and who you represent.

14 MR. LARA: Yes. My name is Rene Lara with  
15 the Texas AFL-CIO, and this is my reason for testimony.  
16 And so I'm not going to go through most of it, but on  
17 behalf of the AFL-CIO, there is one -- and you can read  
18 the rest of the testimony, but we want to focus on one  
19 item, and this is the decoupling or the difficulty in  
20 decoupling the Real ID issue with the Voter ID issue.  
21 We know that the key feature of the bill -- the Senate  
22 Bill is a photograph, an ID, a government official photo  
23 ID, and we understand the public understands this to  
24 be -- in fact, it's the number one item listed despite  
25 the alternatives. The one item that people will



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1 understand as the official government photo ID will be  
2 the Department of Public Safety driver's license or  
3 state ID, and this is our concern.

4 Members, you've heard about the Baker  
5 Carter Commission requiring -- recommending that states  
6 require voters to use the Real ID and that the Real ID  
7 become the principal identification on a nationwide  
8 basis, that in effect it would be a national ID. The  
9 national AFL-CIO opposes the national ID and, in fact,  
10 we've been hoping that the national Federal government  
11 will backtrack on their plans to implement it because as  
12 you know, the Real ID Act is law in effect that has been  
13 postponed in its implementation, but it's still the law,  
14 and there's still a deadline, and DPS is still working  
15 on rules. In fact, there's a bill in another committee  
16 that has been discussed on this issue. So it hasn't  
17 gone away.

18 What this Voter ID proposal does is it  
19 incentivizes -- Well, what it does is it creates the --  
20 it uses the driver's license as an official government  
21 ID. It is the same item that the Real ID will use for  
22 its purposes, and, in fact, it's the same thing except  
23 for the -- the hookup to a national database, which is,  
24 you know, fairly easy to implement.

25 So we feel that -- And, in fact, the



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1 Republican party of Texas also opposes a national ID, so  
2 together the AFL-CIO and the Republican party of Texas  
3 in opposition to a national ID ought to be very  
4 concerned about this Voter ID proposal because it uses  
5 the same item that the Real ID Act looks to to implement  
6 that part of the law.

7 So that's the -- what we would like you to  
8 think about and what ramifications this bill would have  
9 beyond its intended effect in the very near future.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions, members?  
11 Thank you, Rene.

12 At this time the chair calls Lee Medley.

13 MR. MEDLEY: Yes. My name's Lee Medley.  
14 I'm with the United Steel Workers. I live down in  
15 Galveston County, Texas. Like they said, there's been a  
16 lot of eloquent speakers tonight. I'm not going to be  
17 one of those. What I want to tell you is you had a man  
18 up here earlier talk about you all are misguided, that  
19 you all have your priorities wrong, and you all passed  
20 over that. That's what I'm going to tell you.

21 You know, you got -- I work in a plant.  
22 When I go back to that plant, the men and women ask me  
23 what are they doing in Austin? So what do I tell them?  
24 They're spending your time and money on some fictitious  
25 conspiracy theory problem that they haven't convicted a



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1 single person on while in Rockdale, Texas, they're  
2 shutting down the aluminum plant, while in Lake Jackson  
3 and in that area, the Dow plant's suffering huge  
4 layoffs, while Lone Star, Texas, 750 people get laid off  
5 and we're worried about this?

6 I tell you what. You go ask one of those  
7 people in the barber shop if they're worried about Voter  
8 ID. You go ask them in Santa Fe, Texas. I'll guarantee  
9 you there's not been anyone going in and say that's Lee  
10 Medley, I'm voting for him. They're not stealing my ID.

11 You heard a lot of people say that people  
12 are disenfranchised. They are not disenfranchised over  
13 the fact of voter fraud. They're disenfranchised  
14 because they send you up here to Austin to take care of  
15 work and families and this is what you do. They're  
16 disenfranchised because you are supposed to be taking  
17 care of jobs, health care and that sort of thing in the  
18 State of Texas, and instead, you're playing partisan  
19 politics. That's what disenfranchises people, Democrats  
20 and Republicans. You know, they want -- My cousin  
21 called me last night. He said the plant he's at in  
22 (inaudible) is shutting down. I got to have a job. Guy  
23 from Lindell called me the night before. Lindell  
24 cutting back. Got to have a job. That's what's on the  
25 minds of Texans, not voter fraud. I mean, I've been in



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1 precincts here for quite a while where I'm at. I  
2 haven't seen that. I haven't seen anyone come in and  
3 try and take my voter's slip and vote.

4 I've seen a lot of men and women lose  
5 their health care at UTMB in Galveston because of the  
6 hurricane. I'll tell you what, Judge Yarbrough and them  
7 folks, Craig Allen, they worked their rear end off  
8 trying to make sure everyone got the right to vote after  
9 that hurricane, and people lost everything, everything,  
10 and now we got people up here trying to take that right  
11 away from them. That's just not right. You all need to  
12 think about what you're doing and get your all's  
13 priority right. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Members, any questions of  
15 this witness? I appreciate your testimony. I just want  
16 you to know this is the elections committee.

17 MR. MEDLEY: I understand what committee  
18 it is.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And not one of us asked  
20 to be on it, and we can't pass legislation out here  
21 dealing with jobs and health care or -- the subject  
22 matter of this committee is elections.

23 MR. MEDLEY: I understand exactly what the  
24 sub --

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Whether we like it or



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1 not, we're limited to that.

2 MR. MEDLEY: And there's plenty of other  
3 committees, and I understand what the subject matter is  
4 here, but you sure spend a lot of time and money,  
5 taxpayer dollars, to be here all night.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very much.  
7 Chair calls Ruth Epstein. No Ruth Epstein. Showing not  
8 testifying and against Senate Bill 362.

9 Chair calls Kenneth Koym -- Koym. Tell  
10 us -- You are going to testify against Senate Bill 362.  
11 Please tell us your name and who you represent.

12 MR. KOYM: Friends, I'm Kenneth Koym, and  
13 I'm representing Kenneth Koym and family, the mental  
14 health profession. I'm a licensed clinical marriage and  
15 family therapist. I'm a certified mediator. I don't  
16 believe that Texas --

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Before you start on your  
18 form, you indicated you are speaking on behalf of the  
19 American International University --

20 MR. KOYM: I will address that as well.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- Dialogue Producing  
22 Consortium; is that correct?

23 MR. KOYM: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

25 Continue.



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1 MR. KOYM: Those are nonprofit  
2 organizations. They are small, but they have caused me  
3 to -- to give to a society 60,000 hours. That's  
4 30 years or better. 2,000, sometimes 3,000 hours per  
5 year. I've seen changes in Mexico in the voter process.  
6 I heard it said in the senate because I spent all  
7 night -- I didn't just spend to mid -- to midnight. I  
8 spent all night and had somebody tell me -- a young  
9 squirt tell me, a 69-year old, old man, get that hat  
10 off, and it was cold as hell in the senate.

11 Now, I'm telling you that the kind of  
12 things that we're doing in this United States do not  
13 compare to some very small republics like the Republic  
14 of China where I observed election, in Mexico where I  
15 observed Mr. Cedillo, and the vote of the people, and  
16 that new process that kicked the (inaudible) out after  
17 70 something years. In Brazil, in Belize, in Guatemala,  
18 yes, 13 years. But I have paid my price or paid the  
19 price and earned something special to know that people  
20 are offended and intimidated very easily in the United  
21 States. They are in fact intimidated to the extent that  
22 this bill -- if SB362 passes in some form, in some form,  
23 that will be a highly probable mental health judgment on  
24 my part that it amounts to a violation of the Hate  
25 Crimes Act of 2007.



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1 We need to look very carefully at that  
2 question as to whether this bill is not practicing  
3 prejudice, and we need to walk very carefully, not to  
4 exercise anymore prejudice against American Indians,  
5 against the black, against the brown and against Germans  
6 and against every one of us because we all have  
7 different prejudices, and this bill pushes and allows  
8 that. Is there any questions?

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Are there any questions,  
10 members? We don't have any questions. We sure  
11 appreciate it.

12 MR. KOYM: Thank you so much for hearing  
13 me, and I don't mean to be sarcastic.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You are a --

15 MR. KOYM: I am deadly.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- convicted --

17 MR. KOYM: Opposed to voter photo ID. We  
18 don't need it.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for patiently  
20 waiting to testify. The chair calls Manuel Rendon.  
21 Okay. We're going to show him against and not  
22 testifying.

23 The chair calls Melissa Gonzalez. Going  
24 to show her against and not testifying.

25 The chair calls Andy Wilson. Against, and



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1 tell us who you represent and state your name for the  
2 record.

3 MR. WILSON: My name's Andy Wilson. I'm  
4 here representing public citizens. I'm also a board  
5 member of Common Cause Texas.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

7 MR. WILSON: And I'm here testifying  
8 against Senate Bill 362.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

10 MR. WILSON: Now, I agree with much of the  
11 testimony that groups like the League of Women Voters,  
12 other members of Common Cause Advocacy, Inc., et cetera,  
13 have given here today. I won't repeat what they've  
14 said. You've already heard that. But I am here to tell  
15 you something that they haven't told you, and that is  
16 there is voter impersonation going on that is happening  
17 right here in Austin. In fact, it's happening not one  
18 hundred yards from where we sit right here. That voter  
19 impersonation is the so-called ghost voting that happens  
20 on the floor of the legislature.

21 So and I -- being a little bit coy here.  
22 I'm being a little bit funny, but just follow me around  
23 on this. Here we have two issues. One, with little or  
24 no empirical evidence of someone showing up and  
25 impersonating someone else in the polling place.



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1 Second, documented empirical times when members of the  
2 house are not on the floor of the house, are not voting  
3 for themselves. Their desk mate is voting for them.  
4 Someone else is voting for them. So I ask you to  
5 consider this.

6 Now, of course, that isn't again the house  
7 rules. I understand that. That's fine. They're your  
8 rules. You set them. You also set the rules for  
9 elections here in the State of Texas. So I ask that  
10 whatever standard that you set for us here in Texas,  
11 whatever form of ID that you ask grandpa or abuela to  
12 show up with at the polls every time that they vote, if  
13 you bring this or a substitute bill to the floor or any  
14 other similar legislation also brings a resolution to  
15 the floor that would amend the House rules to require a  
16 similar standard for members of the state legislature.  
17 And since you will require this of all voters every time  
18 they vote, and many people here in this room want that  
19 requirement, I hope that you will require the same  
20 standard of Voter ID from you every time you vote so  
21 that you will consider the gravity of what it is that we  
22 are doing here today.

23 We have available technology to do this.  
24 I believe that, therefore, thumbprint scanners in the  
25 House lounge available for this sort of thing. We can



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1 go ahead and institute these sorts of things, but just  
2 realize the disconnect from -- from those of us who look  
3 here at what this process is. Questions?

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Bonnen?

5 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Yeah. You  
6 actually raised a real interesting issue. I selected my  
7 office this session on the fourth floor of the Capitol  
8 based on the fact that at the time that people believe  
9 Tom Craddick would continue to be the speaker, there was  
10 quite a bit of interest in how we would be voting on the  
11 house floor, and I am curious what your thoughts would  
12 be as to why that issue seemed to go away at the point  
13 they decided we have a different speaker.

14 MR. WILSON: I'm not sure. That's a good  
15 question.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I remember going  
17 onto the house floor over the holidays and seeing the  
18 machines all around there and ready to go. Do you know  
19 where they are now?

20 MR. WILSON: I do not know.

21 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: It's just  
22 interesting. Do you know where that issue's fallen off  
23 in the press and everywhere else? It's not really  
24 talked about, is it?

25 MR. WILSON: I'm not sure. We've raised



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1 this a little bit. I know that this has been a pet  
2 issue of Smitty's.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: But I mean it  
4 seems to have gone silent though.

5 MR. WILSON: I can't speak for anyone  
6 other than myself. I for one did not bring this up as  
7 an issue in the senate testimony because after staying  
8 there the whole night had to pack up and leave for  
9 Dallas, so was unable to present this same rhetorical  
10 argument to the senate. So for our part, we have failed  
11 in bringing that to the forefront, but --

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You have tonight.  
13 Representative Anchia? Go ahead, please.

14 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I defer.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Representative. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will  
18 tell you that I agree with you, as a matter of fact. I  
19 sat on house administration last session and actually  
20 agreed that that's equipment that we should have on the  
21 house floor, so actually voted for that thumbprint.

22 MR. WILSON: That's excellent. Thank you.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Do you know where  
24 the equipment is now?

25 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: No. Not on house



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1 administration anymore.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Anchia?

3 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: You know, I think  
4 the analogy's instructive. I mean the -- we've -- We've  
5 got busy schedules in the -- in our capacity as state  
6 representative. We're not always able to get from one  
7 side of the floor to the other, so we changed rules,  
8 remodified rules to make it easier to vote. And I think  
9 that -- I think that analogy makes sense, and we've --  
10 and we've put rules in place at the same time to suggest  
11 that with someone's authorization, you can vote on their  
12 behalf, and I think we modified the house rules this  
13 session to make that happen. And it speaks to the fact  
14 or the analogy can be made that people in their lives  
15 are also very busy. Things happen. They have to be at  
16 work or they have to be taking care of their children,  
17 and the rules are set up sometimes to make it more  
18 difficult to vote, and at least if the -- if I think  
19 where you are going -- if I think I understand where  
20 your a going with the analogy, we may want to look at  
21 the rules that we have in place to make sure that --  
22 that it is convenient to vote, that it is accessible to  
23 vote just as we modified our rules.

24 And I will say this, that I don't think  
25 you were suggesting that there was any fraud on the



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1 house floor. I certainly have not -- I've never heard a  
2 case --

3 MR. WILSON: I was very careful not to say  
4 that there was voter --

5 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Sure.

6 MR. WILSON: -- fraud going on in the  
7 Capitol.

8 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Sure. And I've  
9 never heard of a case where someone voted --  
10 intentionally voted their desk mate or their neighbor  
11 the wrong way. I mean, I haven't heard of any  
12 complaints.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: It would only  
14 happen once.

15 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Once it happened  
16 to you?

17 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I said it would  
18 only happen, happen once.

19 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Right. And  
20 usually that would happen, and there was a way to  
21 correct it in the house journal, right? You'd go and  
22 say, hey, you know, I voted the wrong way or I was voted  
23 the wrong way, and there would be a way to correct that.  
24 And I don't think there's any analogy in our -- in our  
25 voting system to do that other than maybe the



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1 provisional ballot that would be remedied on the back  
2 end where you could come back and say you know what? I  
3 didn't have my ID at this polling place or I wasn't able  
4 to comply with the voting requirement. I want to come  
5 back and submit the right information in order for the  
6 vote to be rectified, similar to what we do in the  
7 journal.

8 MR. WILSON: Correct. And if those  
9 provisional ballots were to be counted as actual ballots  
10 and not in the case of a close run-off or something to  
11 that extent. You know, we believe in making elections  
12 bullet proof, and we're lucky that the house and the  
13 senate are small enough bodies to be able to  
14 self-police, and there's a community there. If men were  
15 angels, we wouldn't need any sort of legislation to take  
16 care of these things, but we have to counteract the  
17 worser angels of our nature.

18 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: But I think -- And  
19 I agree it's a different scale that we are dealing with  
20 in Texas elections versus how we vote on the house  
21 floor. In some cases, different stakes too. We take  
22 multiple votes, and there's only one -- you know, in  
23 elections there's one vote for a particular candidate,  
24 for example, or a particular election. But I think the  
25 analogy holds true, and I think you're asking us to



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1 temper or at least to balance accessibility in the way  
2 we set up rules so that -- so that people are able to  
3 vote -- to have at least convenience in voting so that  
4 they manage their lives and their careers and their  
5 children as part of their lives.

6 MR. WILSON: I'd like to think of us as  
7 the teenager showing up to tell mom and dad that this  
8 isn't fair because you let older brother, sister do X, Y  
9 and Z. We're bringing up a similar issue here.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, you all are really  
11 losing me on this one. I mean, if we ever get to the  
12 point where we ask members of the public to vote 50  
13 times a day at whatever point a bill starts ringing, at  
14 unknowable times over a 2-month period, then I would be  
15 quite sympathetic towards the analogy, but I don't see  
16 it at all.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Mr. Chair?

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm slow. Representative  
19 Bonnen?

20 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I think where the  
21 analogy is actually very interesting though is what I  
22 was discussing earlier, how the interest in the analogy  
23 seemed to disappear overnight. I mean, there was  
24 significant interest from organizations like the ones  
25 you are here representing and working with. It was a



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1 feverishly important issue, and it's gone, poof.

2 MR. WILSON: I think, you know, a vote is  
3 a vote is a vote is a vote.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Well, no, but I  
5 don't think necessarily you all have the record to say  
6 that because using your analogy there was quite a bit of  
7 editorialism and discussion and importance.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Accusations.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: And accusations.  
10 Thank you. To how someone would cast a vote as a member  
11 of the legislature. It was of significant importance,  
12 and I respected that importance. And then, poof, it's  
13 gone. It's not important anymore.

14 MR. WILSON: I brought this up in an  
15 editorial board meeting with the Austin American  
16 Statesman. I brought this up in other places. I  
17 apologize.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: When? When?

19 MR. WILSON: This was -- I can't give you  
20 the exact date, but it was within --

21 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Ballpark it.

22 MR. WILSON: The last few weeks.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Okay. But -- And  
24 I appreciate that, and I apologize if it was --

25 MR. WILSON: No, no, no.



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1 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: -- simply directed  
2 at you, but, I mean -- but, I mean, my point is it seems  
3 to no longer be an issue. It went away in a moment's  
4 notice.

5 MR. WILSON: And do you have --

6 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Well, if it was  
7 prior to changing though. I mean, you know --

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I just think that's -- a  
9 potential explanation is that I think we changed the  
10 rules to --

11 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: No, that's not  
12 really --

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- to sell that.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: You can believe it  
15 to be, but --

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: So that practice on the  
17 house floor was no longer in violation of the written  
18 rule.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I think the  
20 discussion, the interest, the concern and the thought of  
21 the issue fell off long before we adopted the house  
22 rules.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, we -- if your  
24 allegation --

25 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: -- which candidly



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1 it really doesn't matter.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: If your allegation is  
3 that it occurred at the time we elected a new speaker --

4 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I'm not making an  
5 allegation.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I think we adopted the  
7 house rules within a matter of days after electing a new  
8 speaker.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I'm not -- I'm not  
10 making an allegation. I'm simply discussing the fact  
11 that it's interesting how what's important to people  
12 seems to come and go.

13 MR. WILSON: I believe that when at least  
14 speaking for public citizens, we circulated a memo to  
15 members of the house about what rules we would like to  
16 see changed, and I believe that ending ghost voting was  
17 on that. So we -- we did try and bring that up. I was  
18 not a member of the board of common cause at that time.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: But you did -- But  
20 you did -- you yourself did recognize that it seemed to  
21 be the tide of interest in, and as you said, you talked  
22 to the Statesman editorial board and they didn't seem  
23 particularly interested anymore.

24 MR. WILSON: Well, I can't speak to their  
25 motivations or --



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1 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: No, I'm not -- I  
2 didn't ask you what their motivation was. They didn't  
3 write anything they had before though.

4 MR. WILSON: Okay.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Brown?

7 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I have a question.  
8 Please tell me how I am harming my constituents or the  
9 citizens of Texas for that matter if I have to leave my  
10 desk to go to the bathroom and I ask my seat mate if I'm  
11 not back in time before the vote to vote me a certain  
12 way, so she's the one that punches the button. I made  
13 the decision, but she punches it the way I tell her to  
14 do. How am I harming anyone?

15 MR. WILSON: I will answer that in two  
16 ways, and I do mean this with the utmost respect.  
17 First, if I'm your constituent and you ask your seat  
18 mate to vote for -- in your place, I did not vote for  
19 your seat mate. I --

20 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: But she votes the  
21 way I told her to vote.

22 MR. WILSON: All right. The second point  
23 is if I show up and vote for my mother, even if I vote  
24 the way that she told me to, I think that would be  
25 considered voter fraud, even if I had her consent. So,



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1 you know --

2 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: You don't have  
3 to -- She doesn't have to stay at that poll all day long  
4 chained to that desk. I mean, let's be realistic here.  
5 We can't go all day without leaving our desk. I mean --  
6 And I can't time the votes I have left before thinking,  
7 well, I'll have time to run to the bathroom and get  
8 back? And, you know, here comes the bill. Somebody  
9 decided to quit talking on the floor, and it's come up  
10 for a vote. We have to -- We have to think about things  
11 like that. We are human.

12 MR. WILSON: I agree. And I believe that  
13 we have technology to work around those issues.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: In the bathroom.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Well --

16 MR. WILSON: Blackberrys? I don't -- I  
17 don't know what the -- what that is. I leave that to  
18 the --

19 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Actually, what you  
20 are saying is I should --

21 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Why haven't you  
22 invested in that technology?

23 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: What -- What you're  
24 saying is --

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: It was Mickey Mouse



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1 before and it's Mickey Mouse now.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- that I should be  
3 shown missing that vote -- simply missing that vote  
4 because I have to leave my desk.

5 MR. WILSON: If someone has to leave on a  
6 medical emergency and is not able to vote on the day of  
7 voting, I believe that, you know, that would be --

8 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I'm not talking  
9 about a medical emergency.

10 MR. WILSON: No, I'm -- but I am. What  
11 I'm -- What I'm saying is --

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We're all interested in  
13 the subject.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I don't -- I don't  
15 think -- I think I made my point. I think you made your  
16 point.

17 MR. WILSON: I believe you have.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: And we need to go  
19 on to other things.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. Let's, please, if  
21 there's anything else on Senate Bill 362? I don't see  
22 any questions. Thank you very much.

23 MR. WILSON: Thank you. Appreciate it.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Karen Renick, are you  
25 here? Showing not testifying, but being against Senate



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1 Bill 362.

2 James Graham? Going to show you not  
3 testifying, but --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's here.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. Got you.  
6 Against Senate Bill 362.

7 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tell us your name and who  
9 you represent.

10 MR. GRAHAM: My name is James Graham. I'm  
11 representing myself. I want to thank you all for  
12 allowing me to come up here and take your time.  
13 Hopefully, I won't waste too much of it. I'll keep an  
14 eye on the clock. Biggest question is why do we need to  
15 do this at all? Let's see. My understanding is that  
16 this legislation, SBC362, is intended to solve the  
17 problem that is virtually nonexistent. As I understand  
18 it, Attorney General Greg Abbott spent \$1.4 million on  
19 voter fraud -- on a voter fraud crusade in 2005 and 2006  
20 that resulted in no documentation and no prosecutions of  
21 a single case of voter fraud. Now, I know that this has  
22 been brought up a million times, but I'm just going to  
23 do it again because I like to voice my opinion on it.  
24 My bill will go into place that would stop nothing  
25 because there's nothing to stop. So how is that common



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1 sense legislation?

2 Just to let you all know, I have worked on  
3 several campaigns. One of the recent ones that I worked  
4 on was for Congressman Nick Lampson for his reelection  
5 campaign in 2008. I just want to say that when I worked  
6 for his campaign, I got several phone calls from people  
7 all around Congressional District 22 asking me how to  
8 vote. They simply don't know if they have to go up  
9 there with their voter identification card or if they  
10 have to have their driver's license, what exactly is  
11 necessary. And if they don't have their Voter ID card,  
12 how can they still vote. If that's a problem today that  
13 we have, then that's a problem that we need to solve.

14 It's a very easy solution. You just go up  
15 there with a bill that is addressed to the same address  
16 that's on your Voter ID card and you can vote. Now,  
17 \$2 million is my understanding of what you all say is  
18 what we need to educate the voters. Voters don't know  
19 how to vote already, so how is \$2 million going to solve  
20 this? \$2 million was spent during the 2008 campaign by  
21 Congressman Nick Lampson and that was only across four  
22 counties. \$2 million is what you all are planning on  
23 spending state-wide. That seems absolutely ridiculous  
24 to me, especially when people don't know how to vote  
25 already. That's just a small matter. That's my



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1 opinion.

2 But on behalf of all the voters of this  
3 state, I would like to, well, say you're welcome for  
4 giving you your jobs, and when you waste our time with  
5 these kind of bills, it greatly angers us. Now, I can't  
6 tell you how unbelievably upset and thousands of others  
7 are that you continue to try to pass this kind of  
8 legislation year after year, but we're fed up with it,  
9 and there's a lot of problems going on right now. We're  
10 seeing the biggest financial breakdown since the great  
11 depression, and we, of course, get to waste our time  
12 with things like this. So thank you. I know that it is  
13 the elections committee, I understand, and my opinion  
14 that I'm voicing is that I don't think this needs to be  
15 passed because it's a waste of time.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for voicing it.  
17 Members, any questions? Representative Brown?

18 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Just one. I just  
19 wanted to ask you because you were saying that people in  
20 Texas don't know how to vote now --

21 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- and what could  
23 you tell me what you base that on?

24 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. Well, I worked for  
25 Congressman Lampson. In the campaign office we received



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1 several phone calls a day asking us what do they do if  
2 they do not have their voter registration card and  
3 there's not enough time to go out and get another one.  
4 We had to tell them, well, if you have obviously a  
5 utility bill addressed to you, then you can go out and  
6 use that. That's an example of they don't even know how  
7 to vote already. Not everybody obviously, but there are  
8 a few people who still need help and that's completely  
9 understandable to think that \$2 million is going to  
10 solve this new problem that is thrown upon everyone.  
11 That's absolutely ridiculous in my opinion.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Did you hear the  
13 testimony yesterday?

14 MR. GRAHAM: I just -- I'm sorry. I just  
15 got here. I was in class all yesterday, and I was in  
16 class all today and just got here, so, no, I didn't hear  
17 anything else.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I appreciate you  
19 taking the time to come and especially to spend time  
20 with us to testify on this, but do you think the people  
21 in Georgia are smarter than the people in Texas?

22 MR. GRAHAM: I'm not going to make any  
23 comparison between the two states.

24 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: They've had this  
25 since 2007. They've held 16 elections up there with



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1 Voter ID without the options that this Senate Bill has  
2 for something other than photo ID, and they've had --  
3 not had any complaints.

4 MR. GRAHAM: There hasn't been a single  
5 complaint through the entire state?

6 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: None. None. They  
7 evidently learned up there.

8 MR. GRAHAM: Okay. Well, then I guess  
9 you're making the assumption that people aren't as smart  
10 here when I -- I said that they're still having  
11 problems, and there's no ID card already.

12 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: So we would be  
13 educating them. So we'd be helping them --

14 MR. GRAHAM: With only \$2 million.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- for people that  
16 may not have that information.

17 MR. GRAHAM: With only \$2 million -- I'm  
18 saying is not enough. If you're going to propose this,  
19 then let's not make it laughable. Let's do something  
20 that we can actually get accomplished.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Do you like the idea of  
22 instead of implementing it immediately and spending  
23 money with television commercials, radio ads, whatever  
24 you do educating people as they vote literally over some  
25 reasonable period of time you literally hand them



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1 information that they can take home with them?

2 MR. GRAHAM: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Provides them a telephone  
4 number where they can get a free photo ID. Again, it  
5 may not be free when you consider the accompanying  
6 documents depending on whether you have a birth  
7 certificate.

8 MR. GRAHAM: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: There's options available  
10 to you to the extent that it's not an economic  
11 impediment. To the extent that it is, you on that sheet  
12 of paper provide a list of non-photo identification  
13 documents that are acceptable. Say take it home with  
14 them over a several year period of time and --

15 MR. GRAHAM: Not necessarily.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You don't prefer that  
17 over radio or TV?

18 MR. GRAHAM: No. I think -- I mean, I  
19 think that makes it all a lot -- your case a lot  
20 better --

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

22 MR. GRAHAM: -- but that's only one of my  
23 concerns. That's not a main concern by any means.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I understand.

25 MR. GRAHAM: I'm against it.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: That won't make you  
2 support the bill.

3 MR. GRAHAM: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I understand. I  
5 understand. Everybody understands that. Representative  
6 Anchia?

7 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Yeah. Just a  
8 thought.

9 MR. GRAHAM: Yes.

10 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: If we did a  
11 four-year layout on this and when people came -- during  
12 two successful election cycles when people came to the  
13 polls, if poll workers asked them to the extent they  
14 didn't show a photo ID to vote, like I vote with my  
15 driver's license, but let's say they came and just  
16 showed their voter registration certificate. What if --  
17 What if at least at the early voting locations if not on  
18 election day we had cameras available for the people  
19 that said you know what? I don't have photo ID. We  
20 take their information, take their picture and have the  
21 Secretary of State send them a voter registration card  
22 with their picture on this. Does that -- I mean, is  
23 that a step in the right direction; do you think?

24 MR. GRAHAM: I think it's possibly a step  
25 in the right direction, but there should not be a step



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1 made to begin with because I don't think that there's a  
2 problem, and I think that the Attorney General has  
3 showed that there wasn't a problem.

4 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I completely agree  
5 with you that the record is --

6 MR. GRAHAM: Right.

7 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: -- virtually --  
8 virtually nonexistent with respect to voter  
9 impersonation.

10 MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely.

11 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: So we're in  
12 agreement there. But if -- You know, I'm always  
13 thinking about creative ways to --

14 MR. GRAHAM: Right. If this had to take  
15 place --

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. If it had to take  
17 place and you put the onus on the state to produce the  
18 required photo ID for people who do not have it already,  
19 a sufficient layout period and cameras might be part of  
20 that solution. I just want to gauge your thoughts on  
21 that.

22 MR. GRAHAM: No. I think it's a very good  
23 point.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay.

25 MR. GRAHAM: I think it is a step in the



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1 right direction, but there shouldn't be a step to begin  
2 with.

3 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
5 members? Mr. Graham, thank you for coming.

6 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Chair calls Randall  
8 Terrell. Show him as not testifying --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, he's right  
10 there.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. There you  
12 are. I saw somebody squirm in their seat. Be careful  
13 about that when I call names.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes. Tell us your name  
16 and who you represent.

17 MR. TERRELL: My name is Randall Terrell.  
18 I am with the group called A Quality Texas. We are the  
19 state-wide lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender  
20 advocacy organization. We are against 362. The primary  
21 focus of my testimony is on what I believe to be the  
22 difference between the current presentment standard for  
23 the poll workers to evaluate ID versus the -- I think  
24 you heard reference to the identity standard. I look at  
25 it as sort of a objective versus subjective standard



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1 where someone comes up to the poll if they have the --  
2 currently, if they have the right documents, they're  
3 allowed to vote. There's no judgment call being made.

4 Under the current version of the bill, the  
5 last one I saw, if they present some documents the poll  
6 worker's required to make a judgment call. We consider  
7 that to be pre-dangerous. Where I come from on the  
8 issue and basically from the idea -- I think you heard  
9 some of this testimony already today -- from the -- the  
10 perspective of taking people -- taking care of people  
11 who are transgender and those are folks who express  
12 their gender identity as something other than the gender  
13 that was assigned at their birth.

14 We started looking at 362 and looking at  
15 what was happening with that. Now, 90 percent of the  
16 people who are transgender never go -- undergo sexual  
17 reassignment surgery. There is a requirement in -- an  
18 opportunity in 362 that allows people who go through  
19 sexual reassignment surgery to get their ID changed and  
20 present their sex change ID or the -- the court order  
21 for sex change as a -- quote, one of the qualifying  
22 documents for -- to vote, and I think that's very  
23 important and needs to stay in there. But since  
24 90 percent of the people never get those documents, then  
25 that's a real concern.



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1 And I started looking at it as well, and  
2 then we get into the criteria, the laundry list, I think  
3 you've heard already today, is how -- how hard it is to  
4 find some difference between one ID and another ID, one  
5 ID and your current appearance. Someone's always going  
6 to be taller, shorter, fatter, slimmer, older, younger  
7 and putting the discretion for making those judgment  
8 calls in the hands of poll workers becomes non-just, and  
9 with all due respect to poll workers, they do make  
10 mistakes, but on top of that, there's also the idea  
11 with -- as close as some elections have been in the last  
12 few years, it only takes one poll worker making one  
13 judgment call the wrong way in each precinct possibly to  
14 change an election, and if there is some malfeasance  
15 behind that, then that actually becomes a much bigger  
16 problem than the fraud that we have alleged as the basis  
17 for this bill.

18 I think you've heard everything else that  
19 I might say. We do remain opposed to the bill on other  
20 grounds, but that's the one that's particularly  
21 motivational to us.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I think we'll fix that  
23 one. Any questions, members? Thank you for your  
24 testimony.

25 MR. TERRELL: Thank you.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Kriss Crano? Is he here?  
2 We're showing him as against, but not testifying. Lydia  
3 Camarillo? Camarillo. Is that two L's maybe? She was  
4 going to testify on behalf of -- Oh, you're here.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's here.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Got you.

7 MS. CAMARILLO: It's my birthday.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Happy birthday.

9 MS. CAMARILLO: Only it's a different day  
10 now.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Was it yesterday?

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Was it yesterday? That's  
13 the same as Representative Alma Allen. Yeah. Hers was  
14 yesterday.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Alma was yesterday.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. And so was hers, I  
17 think.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. Lydia's is  
19 today.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, yours is today. I'm  
21 sorry. I was confused.

22 MS. CAMARILLO: Mine is the 8th.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Is that what today  
24 is?

25 MS. CAMARILLO: Yes, sir.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm completely lost.

2 MS. CAMARILLO: And my children promised  
3 me breakfast in bed before they go to school, so I got  
4 to get to San Antonio.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Please state your name  
6 and who you represent.

7 MS. CAMARILLO: Well, first of all, thank  
8 you all. Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice-chair, I know he stepped  
9 out, and members of the elections committee, I am Lydia  
10 Camarillo, vice-president for Southwest Voter  
11 Registration Education Project, the largest and oldest  
12 nonprofit organization of its kind. We have registered  
13 since we opened the doors in 1974, 2.4 million Latino  
14 voters across the southwest, trained 100,000 voters and  
15 leaders across the state, and, most recently, we also  
16 organized the lawsuit, Gonzalez versus State of Arizona.  
17 MALDEF, which was our attorney, challenged in Federal  
18 court the issue of voter registration. So we are one of  
19 the plaintiffs in the Arizona case as well as in the  
20 Florida case.

21 So I'm letting you know that we are here  
22 to oppose Senate Bill 362, and we'll -- I'm not going to  
23 stay around for HB125 and HB3556. I'm also here to tell  
24 you that I'm clearly in opposition of it. I know I  
25 stated it wrong, but I mean, you have the copy. It's



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1 supposed to be HB3556. We firmly believe that these  
2 bills have disenfranchised hundreds and thousands of  
3 Texas voters.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I don't know if I just  
5 misheard what you said, but just try to limit your  
6 testimony to 362. I don't know if you said -- You said  
7 something about another bill, I think.

8 MS. CAMARILLO: That we think -- we think,  
9 and I think that the other two bills are similar, so --  
10 but I'll stick to --

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Please try to limit the  
12 testimony to this bill.

13 MS. CAMARILLO: I'll stick to the SB362.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

15 MS. CAMARILLO: We are in opposition  
16 because it will harm hundreds and thousands of voters.  
17 We believe that it will -- that it will hurt an  
18 estimated 1.7 to 2 million Texas voters, all voters that  
19 are citizens and individuals who have the right to vote  
20 and should be counted.

21 You know, it's a shame that in America we  
22 cannot have every vote counted. It's a shame that in  
23 America every vote doesn't count and then when a voter  
24 wants to vote and he or she is an American citizen, they  
25 are at risk of not being counted.



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1 I'm here to tell you that the Voter ID  
2 does nothing, but already contradicts the HAVA case --  
3 the HAVA law, rather, and it also has -- it's a problem  
4 because HAVA already says that you can use other  
5 requirements, so you're basically going to be repeating  
6 something that already does. Also, the Voter ID that  
7 you're proposing is supposed to stop voter fraud, and as  
8 we know, that's not the case. The Attorney General has  
9 spent over the last two years, as you know, \$1.4 million  
10 trying to prove a case that doesn't exist, and,  
11 therefore, it would do everything but ensure that voter  
12 fraud is stopped. In fact, all it would do is  
13 disenfranchise Latino voters, African-American voters,  
14 white voters that are poor and senior citizens.

15 There's at least three issues -- I'm not  
16 going to -- Election Code 623.0101 already says that in  
17 Texas, you can use a wide range of identification  
18 documents in order to vote.

19 Last but not least, I just basically want  
20 to share with you that voting for this bill would hurt  
21 Texas, and it makes no sense that in Texas when we  
22 are -- have one of the highest number of young voters  
23 that are not finishing high school, that we're spending  
24 time with a bill that doesn't make any sense that will  
25 only hurt voters -- American voters. Thank you.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions, members, for  
2 this witness? Thank you very much.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN PENA: Let me just --

4 MS. CAMARILLO: Vice-chairman Pena?

5 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: Lydia, Southwest  
6 Voters is a national nonpartisan organization; is that  
7 correct?

8 MS. CAMARILLO: That is correct. We don't  
9 tell voters how to vote or what party to vote for. We  
10 only ask them to participate in America's democracy.

11 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: And you've done --  
12 as the name implies, you've done work all over  
13 California, New Mexico, Arizona.

14 MS. CAMARILLO: By law we're supposed to  
15 work every year in at least five states, and so we work  
16 always in Texas and California for sure, clearly in  
17 Florida, and we always select a couple of other states,  
18 but over the years, we focus on about eight states.

19 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: Okay. And it's your  
20 opinion that this will have a negative impact on -- on  
21 Texas, but in particular the Hispanic community? Is  
22 that my understanding?

23 MS. CAMARILLO: We think -- We not only  
24 think, we know that it will disenfranchise Latino voters  
25 and African-American voters and in Florida we have sued



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1 along with NAACP a similar issue, the Voter ID issue in  
2 Florida. We also sued in Arizona on a similar case, and  
3 we expect to sue Texas if it passes and you sign it into  
4 law. That is correct.

5 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: I want to thank you  
6 for the work you've done over the years and thank you  
7 for your testimony.

8 MS. CAMARILLO: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Anchia?

10 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Lydia, happy  
11 birthday.

12 MS. CAMARILLO: Thank you.

13 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Thanks for the  
14 work you do. Are there things that we can be doing in  
15 our voter registration laws that would make it easier  
16 for people to register to vote and possibly increase  
17 participation in the program?

18 MS. CAMARILLO: Well, it seems to me that  
19 when we began to hear the conversations about what Voter  
20 ID was necessary, it was because people felt that  
21 American citizens were not necessarily the only ones  
22 voting, and it's clear that there is already in the  
23 election code a requirement that you must be a citizen,  
24 and when you sign the affidavit, it's an affidavit.  
25 Individuals who are not citizens clearly understand that



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1 it's a perjury to sign it and, therefore, they don't.

2 Plus, if you're talking about folks that  
3 are not documented, they are not going to want to come  
4 from underground and be put forth and risk the thing  
5 about being deported, so that's one thing. The -- The  
6 Baker Carter Commission suggested a couple of things.  
7 One is that we move the election date to same day  
8 election or 15 days prior so that people can vote  
9 because what happens is, folks like my mother who are  
10 busy surviving, sustaining their children, their  
11 families, they're not thinking about voting. They're  
12 not thinking about registration until you start hearing  
13 the commercials and that usually happens anywhere from  
14 two weeks to a month, and if you don't have the time,  
15 you realize, oh, it passed. So if you -- If I have more  
16 time for registration, then you can ensure that people  
17 can vote.

18 The other thing that it also says is that  
19 you shouldn't have anyone being deputized in order to be  
20 volunteers. In fact, there is a case in Hidalgo  
21 where -- where the person had to leave because that  
22 person was charged with something, the elections  
23 official, and there were something like 90 days for  
24 individuals who are required to be deputized in order to  
25 register to vote. There was no deputization at that



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1 process. So I would say that states like California do  
2 not have that.

3 I would also suggest that if you're really  
4 serious about making sure that everybody votes, that we  
5 have what California has, which is if you think you are  
6 going to be sick, if you think you are going to be out  
7 of state, you can have absentee ballots, and you can  
8 vote by mail. That guarantees that more people will  
9 stick with America's democracy.

10 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Does California  
11 have no fault vote by mail -- I mean, no excuse vote by  
12 mail?

13 MS. CAMARILLO: That is correct. My  
14 mother is now a perpetual absentee ballot voter, and  
15 she -- basically when the ballot comes home, she has  
16 everybody come over. They have dinner. They discuss  
17 the elections. California also has issues to memorandum  
18 so they go through all that process. The family votes  
19 because everybody brings their ballot. They send it  
20 forward. Yeah. A hundred percent participation.

21 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Thank you for your  
22 testimony.

23 MS. CAMARILLO: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
25 members? Thank you very much.



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1 MS. CAMARILLO: Thank you. Have a good  
2 day.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You too. At this time  
4 the chair calls Kenneth Flippin, a community organizer.  
5 I heard another one of those. You are going to testify  
6 against Senate Bill 362?

7 MR. FLIPPIN: That's correct.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Please state your name  
9 and who you represent.

10 MR. FLIPPIN: Sure. My name is Kenneth  
11 Flippin, and I am representing myself. I just want to  
12 make hopefully what's a little bit different argument  
13 because I know you've all heard a lot of things, and I  
14 appreciate you all staying up late and listening to the  
15 public.

16 As a community organizer, first thing I'd  
17 say it is very hard in this state that has one of the  
18 lowest registration rates, turnout rates, it's very hard  
19 to get people to register to vote. It takes a lot of  
20 work. Those efforts that are done by community groups,  
21 non-profits, done by campaigns, I can tell you they're  
22 not targeting noncitizens because, number one, it would  
23 be just dumb thing to do, and, number two, it takes so  
24 much effort to get people that can legally vote to just  
25 -- it would be an effort that would be pointless, and it



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1 just doesn't happen, and that's why you don't see very  
2 much of the fraud that you're talking about.

3 The other thing that I would say from my  
4 community organizing experience is that people will be  
5 disenfranchised by this, and it's not because it's just  
6 tons and tons of people that don't have the documents.  
7 It's literally the -- you know, 70-year old woman who  
8 goes with her son to the voting poll after he gets off  
9 work and she didn't know that she needed this extra  
10 documentation, and by the time she gets in there, they  
11 realize it, and she's got to go all the way back home  
12 and then get all the way -- she's not going to do it,  
13 and she's not going to be able to vote, and it's just  
14 that reality and that happens a lot in -- I can tell you  
15 it happens a lot because we've taken a lot of people to  
16 the polls, and they tend to go later in the day if you  
17 look at the turnout projections. That's just the way  
18 that it kind of works.

19 The other thing I'd say is that if you  
20 really had a big voter fraud problem, you would see it.  
21 There's a big red flag. It's -- When people vote, they  
22 mark voted, and if somebody stole any of your IDs or  
23 anybody else's IDs, it would come up eventually that  
24 somebody would say, hey, wait a second, I just went and  
25 voted, and they told me -- tried to vote and they told



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1 me somebody else voted or it would be the other way  
2 around and the person would come in after the legal  
3 voter, and they would go wait a second, you already  
4 voted, and yet do we see these cases? The few cases of  
5 voter impersonation that you all are hearing about are  
6 almost always cases of somebody saying, well, we heard  
7 this, we saw this and they are very rare.

8 Eight million Texans voted in this last  
9 election. Do you think we'd have at least 80 or a  
10 hundred cases? The one case that we did have was  
11 actually somebody who didn't vote in two different  
12 places, even though she was prosecuted. A 56-year old  
13 woman -- white woman from Amarillo, she was prosecuted  
14 and told she was having her voting rights taken away,  
15 all this kind of stuff, and then they realized it was  
16 clerical error. There's going to be more clerical  
17 errors or mistakes or folks that just say, well, you  
18 don't look like your ID. There's going to be more of  
19 those problems than there's going to be people who are  
20 literally taken out of the system that shouldn't be  
21 there because of this voter ID.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?  
23 Thank you very much.

24 MR. FLIPPIN: Thank you all. Appreciate  
25 it.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Anybody else here to  
2 testify for or against Senate Bill 362? Seeing none --  
3 Yes, ma'am?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are you going to  
5 hear testimony tonight on Representative Hopson's bill  
6 and Dunnam's bill?

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We already -- Yes, we  
8 are. Yes, we are. Anybody else here wish to testify on  
9 or against Senate Bill 362? Hearing none, seeing none,  
10 I close at this point. The chair moves that Senate Bill  
11 362 be left pending subject to the call of the chair.  
12 Is there any objection? Hearing none, so moved. All  
13 right.

14 At this time the chair lays out House Bill  
15 125 and recognizes representative -- I'm going to lay  
16 out House Bill 125, our Representative Betty Brown. I'm  
17 going to lay out House Bill 2335, Representative Heflin,  
18 and lay out House Bill 2513 by Representative Hopson,  
19 lay out House Bill 3556 by Representative Bonnen, lay  
20 out House Bill 4418 as pending business by Chairman  
21 Dunnam, and lay out House Bill 4421 as pending business  
22 by Chairman Dunnam. At this time the chair recognizes  
23 Chairman Bonnen to lay out --

24 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: House Bill 3556.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- House Bill 3556.



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1 Thank you.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Thank you. This  
3 is a Voter ID bill.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I reserve the  
6 right to close.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions? Recognize  
8 Representative Brown to explain House Bill 125.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Well, I'll try to  
10 be brief, but maybe not.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: My understanding is you  
12 have a substitute?

13 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I do.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Recognize at this time  
15 Representative Bonnen to lay out to the committee  
16 Substitute House Bill 125.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: And this is also a  
18 Voter ID bill, and I'll just give you a couple of  
19 differences in the chairman's bill. I seem to find that  
20 some of the language in the SB362 might cause some  
21 confusion among co-workers and, also, among those who  
22 are voting, so trying to make it as simple as possible,  
23 and, therefore, we don't have two lists in it. There is  
24 simply the one list, and I -- it's my intention to have  
25 an amendment added then on the floor because I would



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1 like to handle it the way the Florida bill is handled  
2 whereby every vote is counted. Every vote is cast with  
3 the potential to be counted. Then when it is reviewed  
4 by a panel and have a similar envelope like they showed  
5 us the other day -- yesterday. It seems like a week  
6 ago. And so I feel like after listening to all of this  
7 talk and trying to get it all straight in my mind, that  
8 that would be the simplest way to handle it.

9 Therefore, it would -- the ones would be  
10 weeded out that were actually not qualified to vote and  
11 every -- and other than that, every vote was accounted.  
12 I've sat here now and I've lost my place. We can  
13 discuss those things that are -- that can be counted for  
14 to qualify as a voter or we can go ahead and hear  
15 testimony if the chairman chooses.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you,  
17 Representative Brown. At this time the chair recognizes  
18 Representative Anchia to explain House Bill 2335 by  
19 Representative Heflin.

20 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Mr. Chairman and  
21 members, I appreciate the opportunity to lay out  
22 Representative Heflin's bill, House Bill 2335, which is  
23 a free Voter ID bill and ensures that Texas does not  
24 return to the days of poll taxes. Most of you know in  
25 1966, Harper V. Virginia State Board of Elections



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1 declared poll taxes as unconstitutional by violations of  
2 the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.  
3 Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits a poll tax in state  
4 elections. Some voters will have to pay a fee to obtain  
5 the proper ID to vote bearing in mind that they do not  
6 possess the proper documentation to present as proof of  
7 identification.

8 We all know that it takes ID to get ID in  
9 this state, and the underlying ID is not free. This  
10 bill reaffirms the voter's protection from poll taxes by  
11 prohibiting a state or local government from charging a  
12 fee for document that voters have to present as proof of  
13 ID to be eligible to vote. So, in essence, any of the  
14 IDs on the list would have to be free.

15 HB2335 has a modest negative fiscal impact  
16 over a five-year period of \$562,295,909. This number  
17 includes all funds, and Representative Heflin asked me  
18 to contrast that since the language of House Bill 2335  
19 is not substantially different from the language used in  
20 the bill that we heard earlier, which had a zero fiscal  
21 note when it left the senate. He asked me to contrast  
22 the zero fiscal note with the \$562 million fiscal note,  
23 and he plans on bringing back a committee substitute  
24 that tries to bring them more in line with each other.

25 So thank you for allowing me to present



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1 Representative Heflin's free Voter ID bill, and I  
2 reserve the right to close.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. Any  
4 questions, members, any -- of these people who have laid  
5 out any of these legislations before we go to witnesses?  
6 Don't see any. So we're going to proceed to witnesses.  
7 We have at this time one, two, three, four, five, six  
8 bills that have been laid out in front of the committee.

9 And I call John Yeaman. Not here. Did  
10 not testify and wishes to be shown against House Bill  
11 125. Okay.

12 Steve Whichard? Vickie Karp? John  
13 Courage? Charles Snyder? Ramey Ko? I remember him.  
14 Doug Bell? Joseph Money? Anita Privett? Crystal  
15 Molina?

16 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Are all these  
17 against?

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: They are in a variety.  
19 Elaine Adkison? All right. Now, we got two sheets.  
20 I'd like to recognize you, first of all, if I could to  
21 testify against House Bill 125.

22 MS. ADKISON: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Your name and who you  
24 represent.

25 MS. ADKISON: Elaine Adkison, and what's



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1 left of me.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

3 MS. ADKISON: And I think the other one  
4 you might discard.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. All right. You  
6 don't wish to testify on that other one?

7 MS. ADKISON: No, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We can just show you as  
9 for House Bill 2235 -- 2335; is that right?

10 MS. ADKISON: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you. Please  
12 continue.

13 MS. ADKISON: Okay. I just wanted to  
14 suggest that this plan is not without its own potential  
15 for corruption. We can't keep teenagers from getting  
16 into clubs with fake IDs on the weekends. How are you  
17 going to guarantee that the voting process doesn't  
18 suffer the same abuse? If your neighbor's going to  
19 steal your voter registration card from your mailbox,  
20 he's not going to have any trouble going to find a fake  
21 ID -- photo ID.

22 I'd like to make a couple other points.  
23 My county clerk in my county is fastidious about purging  
24 deceased voters off of there. I don't understand why  
25 other counties aren't doing the same thing and why there



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1 would even be a problem with dead people voting. Let's  
2 see.

3 And I just wanted to point out that the  
4 White-Out that was used on that early voting ballot was  
5 used by the ballot board and it favored the Republican  
6 candidate.

7 Now, I just wanted to ask, how many of you  
8 have spent any time at all in east Texas?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I've spent a lot of  
10 time there.

11 MS. ADKISON: Okay. And I don't say this  
12 to --

13 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I missed the  
14 question.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You spent some time --

16 MS. ADKISON: Yes, ma'am. She does. I  
17 don't say this to disparage my neighbors, but before you  
18 do a lot of stuff on this bill, I highly suggest that  
19 some of you come spend some time in my rural counties.  
20 The computer issue is going to be a problem. Somebody  
21 said pulling up their pictures on computers.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: That's not in this  
23 bill.

24 MS. ADKISON: I know. I'm just saying --

25 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: It's just something



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1 sounds --

2 MS. ADKISON: And it would be for most of  
3 us, but some of my old people that work in my polling  
4 locations, it will be a nightmare. What else?

5 Okay. And there's been some referral to  
6 personal responsibility. It would be nice if we were  
7 all physically able to get up, go to the polling  
8 location, go to the county clerk's office, get our  
9 stuff. That's not always going to be the case.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: And those people  
11 who can't, of course, are using mail-in ballots?

12 MS. ADKISON: Yes, ma'am. And I'm fixing  
13 to address that. Ballot by mail is an important GOTV  
14 tool all across Texas, but especially in east Texas.  
15 Most of your districts are urban, but Representative  
16 Heflin, Hopson and myself, we work in large -- in large  
17 geographical -- Yes, ma'am, but you have what, two  
18 counties? Yeah. He's got like a whole list. And then  
19 usually mine are four to five counties. So we have a  
20 large geographical area to cover.

21 For some of the old people that are in the  
22 nursing homes that can't get out, it really causes  
23 logistical problems, so I understand if that has to --

24 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I'm sorry. I  
25 missed what you were talking about here. What's causing



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1 the nursing home people --

2 MS. ADKISON: Well, there's just been so  
3 much disparage of the ballot by mail. It does have good  
4 uses. I have advocates in counties --

5 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: We don't address  
6 the --

7 MS. ADKISON: Yes, ma'am, I know, but it's  
8 been addressed. It's been talked about, so I just  
9 wanted to say something positive about it. I've got a  
10 lot of advocates that have purely -- pure -- I've lost  
11 my train of thought. In fact, it's just generated by  
12 local advocates whose primarily goal is to enable those  
13 voters who can't get out to participate in the political  
14 process. I would just say that this bill is indicative  
15 of an abridgment, and I would urge you to please not let  
16 allow more attitude in political dog trump compelling  
17 state interest. We all want fairly legal elections, but  
18 this bill just puts a prom dress on an elephant. I'm  
19 going home to Nacogdoches. I thank you for your time,  
20 your courtesy and your service.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?  
22 Thank you very much.

23 MS. ADKISON: You all have a good night.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. Mary Ann  
25 Collins? Neutral on House Bill 125.



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1 MS. COLLINS: I'm Mary Ann Collins. I  
2 have --

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You are representing  
4 yourself?

5 MS. COLLINS: I'm representing myself. I  
6 have been an election judge for 20 years and a poll  
7 watcher off and on over many years. I was poll watching  
8 in '06 at the Oak Cliff Subcourthouse in Dallas and a  
9 lady came in to vote with purple hair and, man, that  
10 does get your attention when you're standing there and  
11 here's this purple hair. Later on that afternoon, I  
12 look up and here is what I think is the purple hair  
13 again, and I thought that couldn't be. She passed the  
14 qualifying table. Then it dawned on me later, you  
15 moron, she voted on somebody else's certificate. I did  
16 call the DA's office and, of course, I knew there was  
17 nothing they could do, but I just wanted to alert him  
18 that I thought this situation was going on. And, of  
19 course, there was nothing because we didn't have any  
20 names, et cetera.

21 Several days later after early voting was  
22 over, one of the clerks at that early voting location  
23 called me about something completely unrelated, and I  
24 said to her I think there was a lady there who voted  
25 twice. She said, oh, I know exactly who you're talking



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1 about. She said -- I asked her if she hadn't been here  
2 before, and she said no. I want to tell you that people  
3 can take other people's voting certificates and make at  
4 least four or five early voting locations in one day in  
5 Dallas County. The problem with voter photo ID is not  
6 on election day. It is in early voting, especially in a  
7 big county like Dallas, Texas where there are -- in the  
8 last election we had 28 early voting locations.

9 So I just -- I also want to mention that I  
10 was a poll watcher on the ballot board in Dallas County  
11 this last time. The ballot board was chaired by a  
12 Democrat. Before I could serve on that ballot board as  
13 a poll watcher, I had to present not only my voter  
14 registration certificate, but a picture ID.

15 So I just want to address a couple of  
16 things in Betty Brown's bill that I'm a little bit  
17 concerned about. That's why I vote -- said neutral. In  
18 the first part she says that the Secretary of State  
19 sends out these notices to people who had not voted  
20 before, et cetera. To me that sounds like a logistical  
21 nightmare. The other thing -- Let's see. I've got a  
22 couple of other things. She says they could sign an  
23 affidavit at the main early voting location. We do not  
24 have a main early voting location in Dallas County, and  
25 so that's an issue that I have with that.



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1                   Then in another place it says they may  
2     present -- I have to look here and see what this says.  
3     It says they may present their identification -- your  
4     two different documents. I think it should say shall  
5     instead of may because if it says may, they don't have  
6     to. If they say shall, they have to.

7                   REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Did you say two  
8     different documents?

9                   MS. COLLINS: It's on Section --

10                  REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Do you have the  
11     committee substitute?

12                  MS. COLLINS: I don't have a substitute.  
13     What I have is Section 63.0103, Section B. It says, A  
14     person to whom this section applies may present as  
15     identification either two different documents.

16                  REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Committee  
17     substitute only -- has one list and you present one.

18                  MS. COLLINS: Okay. I have another.

19                  REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Okay.

20                  MS. COLLINS: Things about the provisional  
21     ballots. If you'll ask me the question, I'm over my  
22     time.

23                  REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: What is it about  
24     the provisional ballots?

25                  MS. COLLINS: What I want to say about the



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1 provisional ballots is there are already several things  
2 that the -- either the election judge checks, and there  
3 are a number of things that would say if they didn't  
4 have the proper identification, if they didn't -- if  
5 they were in the wrong precinct, if they live -- did not  
6 live in Dallas County, so it's not only ID.

7 I think you said in the substitute that  
8 all these ballots should count if -- I forgotten exactly  
9 what you said -- if they could prove their identity.  
10 Well, there are other issues with why a provisional  
11 ballot may not be accepted. Also, if they're not  
12 registered, they cannot be accepted, so there are other  
13 issues about provisional ballots, and I want to make  
14 that perfectly clear that just because they have photo  
15 ID doesn't mean that should be counted.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Oh, I agree. I  
17 agree. And my plan at this point is to have an  
18 amendment on the floor if my bill were to pass through  
19 that way to amended -- to be handled like the Florida  
20 bill, like Florida handles theirs --

21 MS. COLLINS: Well, I don't know how  
22 Florida handles theirs.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: -- whereby the  
24 provisional ballot would be voted and then there's a  
25 panel that analyzes it and just decides if that is



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1 indeed a qualified vote, if there's anything wrong with  
2 accepting the ballot.

3 MS. COLLINS: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Before you ask anything,  
5 I want to put on my Rafael Anchia hat here and ask you a  
6 question. What makes you think this lady committed  
7 voter impersonation other than the fact that she had  
8 purple hair and you saw her twice?

9 MS. COLLINS: Well, I mean she voted  
10 twice.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: How do you know that?

12 MS. COLLINS: I saw her. I saw her vote  
13 twice.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You saw her --

15 MS. COLLINS: Vote twice.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- filling out a form and  
17 put it in the --

18 MS. COLLINS: She went to the voting  
19 booth.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Twice.

21 MS. COLLINS: Why would I say that if she  
22 hadn't been to the voting booth? She went to a voting  
23 booth two different times in the same day.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And how much time  
25 separation was there between --



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1 MS. COLLINS: One was in the morning and  
2 one was in the afternoon.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: There's no doubt in your  
4 mind that was the same person.

5 MS. COLLINS: I feel pretty certain, and  
6 the fact that the clerk said to me -- I said I think  
7 there was a lady who voted twice. She said I know  
8 exactly who you're talking about, and she even  
9 questioned her about the fact that she had been there  
10 before.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You're admitting that  
12 there is a possibility that there were two people with  
13 purple hair?

14 MS. COLLINS: There is a remote  
15 possibility, but I feel pretty certain, and I also --  
16 besides the fact of this lady, people can take other  
17 people's -- they can pass out -- and I know this is -- I  
18 have not seen it, but I've heard it from other reliable  
19 poll workers, that they just take voter registration  
20 cards and pass them out.

21 Now, one other thing I would like to  
22 mention. They could stop this if they look at  
23 signatures. Early voting workers are so busy at most of  
24 these locations they they're not even really looking at  
25 the pictures too much right now. They -- They don't



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1 even have time to look at these signatures. The way  
2 they do is now is they pass the card up and that's it,  
3 but I think signatures should be checked.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions?

5 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Yeah. Just a  
6 couple quick questions.

7 MS. COLLINS: Go right ahead.

8 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Thank you. The  
9 first thing is I admire your staying power being here.  
10 It's quite late.

11 MS. COLLINS: This is nothing compared to  
12 when I stayed at the senate for 26 hours.

13 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: You poor thing  
14 because that really -- I couldn't even stay up for that  
15 and that was rough. You said earlier that someone in  
16 Dallas County could make copies of a voter registration  
17 certificate.

18 MS. COLLINS: I never said that.

19 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I believe you did.

20 MS. COLLINS: I did not say they made  
21 copies of voter registrations, no, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I don't think you are  
23 going to get away with much with this witness, Rafael.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Let me tell you  
25 what I heard and --



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1 MS. COLLINS: It wasn't out of my mouth.  
2 It was not out of my mouth.

3 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Let me tell you  
4 what I heard out of your mouth --

5 MS. COLLINS: Then better check your ears.

6 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: -- and then -- and  
7 then we can figure out if you said or not -- if you  
8 didn't mean to say it. So you said that somebody can  
9 make multiple copies --

10 MS. COLLINS: I never said that.

11 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: May I finish? May  
12 I finish and will you answer my question?

13 MS. COLLINS: Okay.

14 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I don't want to  
15 get -- I mean, it's late.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She said that they  
17 can pass them out.

18 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: It's late. No,  
19 she said early on that.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Please be nice to Rafael.

21 MS. COLLINS: I'm not planning not to be  
22 nice to him, so that's okay.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think she is  
25 being nice.



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1 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: In Dallas County  
2 you said that during the early -- there's risk that  
3 during the early voting period that someone could make  
4 copies of the voter registration certificate and go to  
5 multiple locations --

6 MS. COLLINS: No.

7 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: -- and vote. Is  
8 that --

9 MS. COLLINS: You completely misunderstood  
10 what I said.

11 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay.

12 MS. COLLINS: What I said was people can  
13 take other people's voters' certificates. They could  
14 gather them up at a church. They could gather them up  
15 at a homeless shelter and pass them out. They did -- I  
16 never said they made copies. They take the card itself  
17 is my understanding and pass them out and that anybody  
18 can go use those to vote. Now, let me --

19 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Have you seen that  
20 occur ever?

21 MS. COLLINS: I did not say I did. I  
22 said --

23 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I'm asking you a  
24 question.

25 MS. COLLINS: Let me just mention one



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1 other --

2 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I'm simply asking  
3 you the question.

4 MS. COLLINS: All right. Let me just  
5 finish here. In my own precinct, people arrive on  
6 election day who have not signed their voter  
7 registration cards, and we always say would you please  
8 sign your card, so it is not an uncommon practice that  
9 voter registration cards are not signed. So it would  
10 not be an unusual practice for voter registration cards  
11 to have been sent to somebody's house, homeless shelter,  
12 whatever, and they're not signed. Anybody could sign  
13 those, take them and go vote, and this is what is  
14 possible to happen on people who care to do that sort of  
15 thing. A photo ID would eliminate that, and the point  
16 of all --

17 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Is it possible to  
18 falsify a photo ID?

19 MS. COLLINS: Well, I'm going to say this.  
20 All I know --

21 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Is it possible to  
22 falsify a photo ID?

23 MS. COLLINS: I don't know. What I do  
24 know is --

25 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Have you ever



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1 heard of people falsifying a photo ID?

2 MS. COLLINS: Not a photo.

3 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: You've never heard  
4 of someone having a fake driver's license?

5 MS. COLLINS: Heard of fake driver's  
6 license, but that is not the -- the fake --

7 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: That's a photo ID,  
8 correct?

9 MS. COLLINS: The fake is not the -- The  
10 photo is not the fake part. It's the other information  
11 that's the fake part, so let me -- let me -- let me  
12 finish.

13 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: So someone could  
14 -- So someone could --

15 MS. COLLINS: Wait. Let me finish,  
16 please.

17 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: So someone  
18 could --

19 MS. COLLINS: And you make me lose my  
20 train of thought.

21 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: I'm sorry.

22 MS. COLLINS: All right. The point of  
23 photo ID is so that when this person shows up to vote,  
24 they look at that picture and they say, yes, this is  
25 this person. I don't care if it is a fake ID. It has a



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1 photo on it, and that is the point of all this. You're  
2 looking at that person and saying, yes, this is this  
3 person or, no, it's not that person. Now, we are -- in  
4 our precinct we are what I would say reasonable. If  
5 somebody came with a picture ID that, you know, I could  
6 tell they were 30 years younger, we're going to probably  
7 accept it, but if it's completely out of the question, I  
8 mean, like it's a 10 -- you know, somebody that's 16 and  
9 the person's 70, I would take question of that. You  
10 have to have your picture redone when you go to renew  
11 your driver's license after a certain age. So, you  
12 know, that is a far-fetched thing.

13 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: What is  
14 far-fetched? Can you --

15 MS. COLLINS: That you are going to have  
16 somebody whose picture was taken when they were 20 and  
17 here they are voting on a -- say a driver's license when  
18 they're 70 that doesn't have a new picture. It is going  
19 to have a new picture because you have to get one  
20 because I've done it.

21 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: She made me lose  
22 my train of thought.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: We're all going to give  
24 you a long leash and let you all have as much time as  
25 you need.



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1 MS. COLLINS: Go right ahead.

2 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Just a couple  
3 simple questions. Do you have -- Have you seen somebody  
4 engage in voter impersonation?

5 MS. COLLINS: Other than the lady with  
6 purple hair, no.

7 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: And did you see  
8 that the lady -- did you see the lady execute two  
9 ballots?

10 MS. COLLINS: I saw her walk into two --  
11 to a voting booth, one in the morning and one in the  
12 afternoon.

13 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: And you saw her  
14 cast two ballots?

15 MS. COLLINS: Well, I didn't stand there  
16 and watch her punch the thing, but I saw her go to the  
17 voting booth.

18 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Did -- And you're  
19 absolutely positively sure it was the same person.

20 MS. COLLINS: I didn't say I was  
21 absolutely positive. I said I was pretty certain of the  
22 fact that the election clerk corroborated it several  
23 days later, made me feel pretty certain about it.

24 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: And you were a  
25 poll watcher at the time.



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1 MS. COLLINS: Yes, I was.

2 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Did you go  
3 immediately to the election judge at the time?

4 MS. COLLINS: I told you that I didn't  
5 figure it out until later on that I thought -- at first  
6 I thought, hey, there's that lady, but I thought it  
7 can't be because she's passed the qualifying table.  
8 Later on that afternoon it dawned on me what a dummy I  
9 was because that lady was voting on somebody else's  
10 certificate.

11 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: And did you see  
12 that lady have two different certificates?

13 MS. COLLINS: No. That's what I  
14 assumed -- Since she voted twice -- was going to the  
15 voting booth two different times, I assumed she was  
16 voting on somebody else's certificate.

17 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay. Thank you.  
18 I appreciate those assumptions. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Bonnen?

20 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Miss, who is your  
21 state representative?

22 MS. COLLINS: Will Hartnett.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I like Will a lot.  
24 But if I gave you a little money and got the signatures,  
25 would you run for state representative so you could



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1 carry --

2 MS. COLLINS: Ain't no way. I have more  
3 fun doing this.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: We'll save you the  
5 desk next to Representative Anchia.

6 MS. COLLINS: Oh, Lord. I have more fun  
7 making Democrats squirm.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I don't think that  
9 could be argued here tonight. Thank you for your vigor.

10 MS. COLLINS: All right. You'll see me  
11 again in a minute.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I don't know that we're  
13 done yet. You got any questions, Representative Pena?

14 REPRESENTATIVE PENA: Yeah. You didn't  
15 talk about my bill.

16 MS. COLLINS: I'm going to.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm going to tell  
18 you, this is so entertaining. I just want to extend  
19 your time, so you get --

20 MS. COLLINS: Well, the people I'm staying  
21 with are -- I'm having a little problem keeping them up.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I don't want  
23 to sound inappropriate, but I have an extra bedroom --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're from Dallas;  
25 is that right?



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1 MS. COLLINS: Yes, sir.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you know  
3 representative Anchia over there?

4 MS. COLLINS: I know of Representative  
5 Anchia.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You know of him?

7 MS. COLLINS: Yes, I do.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tell us what you  
9 think about him.

10 MS. COLLINS: That's not germane to this  
11 bill.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's good.

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Pena,  
14 you've not been watching for -- for long. You will not  
15 -- No. Any other questions or offers for habitation for  
16 this witness? Thank you, Ms. Collins.

17 MS. COLLINS: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Marie Bowman? Well, I  
19 don't think anybody's going to be willing to testify at  
20 this point. Tough act to follow. Dustin Rynders? You  
21 got three witness forms.

22 MR. RYNDERS: I'm just going to do them  
23 quickly in or out separately.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Let's start with Betty  
25 Brown's bill, House Bill 125, testifying against -- on



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1      behalf of. I'll let you tell who you are.

2                   MR. RYNDERS: Dustin Rynders, Advocacy,  
3      Incorporated, and the Disability Policy Consortium. The  
4      reason I wanted to testify separately about this bill is  
5      we oppose the bill for all the reasons that I stated in  
6      my earlier testimony, but I did want to state some  
7      appreciation to Representative Brown for some things  
8      that I found in the bill that I found helpful. It was  
9      the only one of the bills that I had looked at that had  
10     a provision dealing with an exemption for people who  
11     were indigent and people who live in nursing homes, and,  
12     you know, when I saw that, it definitely made me pause  
13     because those are a lot of the people that I work with,  
14     and so I did want to point out that I think that you may  
15     have indicated to an earlier witness that this is  
16     something that you are aware of.

17                   One of the limitations of that exemption  
18     was that it seems to only be amicable during early  
19     voting at the main early voting polling place, and, of  
20     course, in some areas that is a big limitation if you  
21     are in a big city that hasn't identified one.

22                   REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: That point needs to  
23     be amended.

24                   MR. RYNDERS: And so, you know, that's  
25     something you're willing to look at. It would certainly



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1 extend the practical utility of that exemption.

2 The other concern that I had was the two  
3 non-photo ID list, and I take it from your earlier  
4 comments that you've kind of taken a different view of  
5 that to having to require one and the other, so I think  
6 that that's a positive improvement as well. So I --  
7 That's all I'd like to say on this unless there's any  
8 questions.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?  
10 I don't see any. Thank you very much.

11 At this time the chair recognizes Dustin  
12 Rynders to testify for House Bill 2335. State your name  
13 and who you represent.

14 MR. RYNDERS: Yeah. Dustin Rynders just  
15 representing Advocacy, Incorporated, testifying for this  
16 bill. A lot of the testimony we've heard over the last  
17 couple days especially highlighted by Representative  
18 Bohac mentioning often Andrew Young's comments about how  
19 IDs bring people into the mainstream of society.  
20 Certainly the testimony I offered earlier to you about  
21 the people that I have represented who don't have IDs  
22 that would find them useful in accessing other services,  
23 absolutely true, and so providing free IDs to people is  
24 something that we a hundred percent support. All I have  
25 to say unless there's questions.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions, members?

2 Don't see any. Thank you very much.

3 Chair recognizes Dustin Rynders to testify  
4 against House Bill 3556. Please state your name and who  
5 you represent.

6 MR. RYNDERS: Yeah. Dustin Rynders,  
7 Advocacy, Incorporated, and the Disability Policy  
8 Consortium, testifying against the bill for all the  
9 reasons formerly mentioned. The only other reason I  
10 wanted to testify separately on this one is,  
11 Representative Bonnen, to explain to you that I did  
12 appreciate -- I did appreciate that in your bill  
13 compared to the senate version that we looked at  
14 earlier, the provisional ballots were at least dealt  
15 with so that there was a provision for someone to come  
16 back and cure and, you know, not having a provisional  
17 ballot within a 10-day window.

18 The other thing that I wanted to take a  
19 minute to kind of mention using this opportunity for  
20 more time, it's relevant to all of these bills, is that  
21 there's been a lot of discussion about Florida and how  
22 we handle ballots after the fact. I do want to point  
23 out if you're looking at signature matches as a way of  
24 handling ballots after the fact, people who have poor  
25 fine motor skills, some people with disabilities who



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1 don't have good signatures are not going to do as well  
2 with this kind of fix as other people, and so I would  
3 encourage you to instead look to Michigan who has an  
4 affidavit bypass that's not going to rely as much on a  
5 signature match instead of looking at the signature  
6 match requirements of Florida. Any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions, members?  
8 Don't see any.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to thank  
10 you for testifying on my bill.

11 MR. RYNDERS: Thank you. And have a good  
12 night.

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very much.  
14 B.R. Wallace?

15 MR. WALLACE: That's my other name. She  
16 said I don't think this person's here.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I've got six witness  
18 forms for you.

19 MR. WALLACE: Most of them are not oral  
20 testimony.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Oh, okay. Well, let's  
22 start with the one on the top that is testifying and  
23 that is House Bill 125. Please state your name --  
24 You're in favor of it. Your name and who you represent.

25 MR. WALLACE: B.R. Skipper Wallace, and



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1 I'm with the Texas Republican County Chairmans  
2 Association, and we are for Betty Brown's Bill 125. We  
3 certainly support the efforts to make a stronger bill  
4 that we could use to support the photo ID effort. We  
5 feel like this bill actually is a little more stringent,  
6 has a few less opt-outs for photo IDs and so forth, that  
7 this might actually be a better bill than the Senate  
8 bill, but we certainly would support her bill if it is  
9 the decision of the committee to -- to vote this one  
10 out.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very much. Any  
12 questions, members? Thank you. The chair recognizes  
13 B.R. Wallace to testify against House Bill 2513. Please  
14 state your name and who you represent.

15 MR. WALLACE: I think that's with no oral  
16 testimony though, isn't it?

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Well, it does say  
18 you wish to testify. Do you want me to change that?

19 MR. WALLACE: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: You don't wish to  
21 testify?

22 MR. WALLACE: No, I don't want to testify.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: He thinks you just did.  
24 Okay. Any questions, members?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why do you not want



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1 to testify?

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Are there -- any other --  
3 Any other bills you wish to testify on?

4 MR. WALLACE: No.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. WALLACE: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Vanessa Edwards Foster.  
8 I think she left. Remember her? Show her as not  
9 testifying against 125. Roxanne Lewis? Sarah McDonald?  
10 Carol Alexander? Bill Baker? Madeline Dewar? Carla  
11 Mercado?

12 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: We need to call in  
13 the others from the overflow room.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We should slow down  
15 and give them the chance to walk over.

16 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Avril McClure?

17 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: They could be in  
18 there asleep. Check.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: John Chairez Hernandez?  
20 John Cook? H. Dale Jennings? Wayne Lessmann? Kenneth  
21 Flippin? Russell Smith? Lydia Camarillo? Maria  
22 Martinez? Come on down. Testifying on behalf of IRCOT  
23 for House Bill 125. Please state your name and who you  
24 represent.

25 MS. MARTINEZ: Maria Martinez, and I



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1 represent the Immigration and Reform Coalition of Texas,  
2 and I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 125.  
3 Because the hour's so late, I'll just be brief, and I  
4 apologize for not bringing this up last time, but I  
5 didn't get my caffeine, and, of course, I still haven't  
6 gotten my caffeine, but I got some rest. I have -- I  
7 just wanted to mention the fact that in Mexico, if  
8 you're a voter and you want to vote, this is the type of  
9 card that you would use, has a picture of the  
10 individual, their address and so forth, age, and on the  
11 back it has their thumbprint and signature. And then  
12 when they go to the polls, the sheets have the  
13 individual's name and, of course, their number and their  
14 ID, their photo, and then, of course, they'll sign and  
15 leave the thumbprint. So I would just say that we're a  
16 little bit behind here, folks, and it would be wonderful  
17 if we could do something about that.

18 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?  
19 Representative Brown?

20 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Just brings to mind  
21 we had testimony a little earlier that said that there's  
22 no way we could be the ones that retain the photographs  
23 and just have the person show up and we look and see. I  
24 wonder if -- if that wouldn't be the answer for the poll  
25 workers that would not want to deal with the electronics



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1 and have a book with pictures in it.

2 MS. MARTINEZ: Well, it does work in a  
3 country that's not as technologically advanced.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: I'm thinking down  
5 the road, but --

6 MS. MARTINEZ: Sure.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you.

8 MS. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
10 members? Thank you, Ms. Martinez. The chair recognizes  
11 Maria Martinez to testify for House Bill 3556. Please  
12 state your name and who you represent.

13 MS. MARTINEZ: Maria Martinez, and I  
14 represent the Immigration and Reform Coalition of Texas,  
15 and we like all the good bills coming out of your  
16 office.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't hold back.

18 MS. MARTINEZ: That's probably all I  
19 should say.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You got 3 minutes.

22 MS. MARTINEZ: Good night. Sleep tight.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. Oh, boy. The  
24 chair calls Mary Ann Collins --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Come on down.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: -- to testify against  
2 House Bill 2553 -- 2513. I'm transposing.

3 MS. COLLINS: That was Hopson's bill.  
4 Well, originally I was against that because I state --  
5 My name is Mary Ann Collins representing myself.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

7 MS. COLLINS: I'm opposing the bill  
8 because I felt like that was a huge expense to go  
9 through all that. I didn't realize that you could  
10 transpose all the driver's licenses and all the other  
11 photos that are all over this state and make one card.  
12 However, I think representative -- I believe it was  
13 Bohac made the point, you know, 98 percent of the people  
14 have already got all this stuff, so why are we  
15 reinventing that wheel and we need to address the other  
16 2 percent. So I still probably am going to be opposed  
17 to that bill just because I think it's a waste of time  
18 and money.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions, members?

20 MS. COLLINS: It sounds like a good idea,  
21 but I think it's a waste of time and money.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Representative Anchia?

23 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: We're on a roll.  
24 Should -- If voter registration cards with photos on  
25 them would be a waste of money because 98 percent of the



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1 people have photo ID already, should we just get -- get  
2 rid of voter registration cards?

3 MS. COLLINS: No.

4 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay.

5 MS. COLLINS: One thing.

6 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Explain that  
7 rationale.

8 MS. COLLINS: Well, you know, it kind of  
9 goes into what -- I don't you don't want to talk about  
10 another bill, but it does go into what Representative  
11 Dunnam said, you know, those voter registration cards  
12 are not quite as worthless as he claimed them to be.  
13 They are bar coded, and in Dallas County, they take  
14 those bar codes and go under the some kind of scanner  
15 thing for early voting. Now, I'm sure a lot of the  
16 rural counties, they probably don't do that, but in  
17 Dallas County they do use those bar codes. So they are  
18 not quite as worthless as he claimed them to be.

19 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: If we did load --  
20 if your driver's license became your ID as the young  
21 lady earlier said they do in Mexico, and the information  
22 was encrypted on that card, would we need voter  
23 registration certificates?

24 MS. COLLINS: I'll have to think about all  
25 that. I don't want to say without contemplating that.



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1 I think you probably -- There has to be something on  
2 that card that says this is also a voter registration  
3 card. I think that would have to be probably on there.

4 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: You know, we have  
5 a strip on the back of our driver's license. If it was  
6 encrypted on the strip and somehow you could read that,  
7 would that -- would that make sense? Should your  
8 precinct --

9 MS. COLLINS: I need to think about that.

10 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: -- where you live  
11 and so --

12 MS. COLLINS: I don't know. I'd have to  
13 think about that.

14 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Okay.

15 MS. COLLINS: One thing I will say about  
16 the voter registration card, you can look on that voter  
17 registration card and tell -- say what -- look and see  
18 what your precinct number is and all the different  
19 places, the state rep that you are going to vote for,  
20 your congressional person that you are going to vote  
21 for, all that information is right there readily  
22 available, and, you know, it wouldn't be on a magnetic  
23 strip on a plastic card. The voter might not be able to  
24 -- I mean, I don't know how he -- the voter would figure  
25 all that out. I'd have to think about all that.



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1 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: Don't feel you  
2 need to answer now because I want to have something to  
3 look forward to which is your coming back with that  
4 answer.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Good idea. Thank you.

6 REPRESENTATIVE ANCHIA: A reason to get up  
7 in the morning.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for your  
9 testimony.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thought you were  
11 talking about your bedroom at home. I'm sorry.

12 MS. COLLINS: If you'd let me testify on  
13 33, whatever it is, I can go home go back to where I'm  
14 staying.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
16 members?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. Did you hear  
18 her request?

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No. What was it?

20 MS. COLLINS: I said if you would let me  
21 testify on Representative Bonnen's bill, then I can go  
22 back to where I'm staying so those people -- and I don't  
23 have to get them up in the middle of the night.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Let's get that done.  
25 What number is that?



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1 MS. COLLINS: It's 35 --

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: 3556. The chair  
3 recognizes Mrs. Collins to testify for 3556. Please  
4 state your name and who you represent.

5 MS. COLLINS: Mary Ann Collins  
6 representing myself. I am in favor of Representative  
7 Bonnen's bill, and one of the reasons I like it is  
8 because it's simple.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Thank you. I've  
10 been called simple before and not in a positive way.

11 MS. COLLINS: I didn't say you're simple.  
12 I said your bill is simple.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: No, no, that's --  
14 it was a compliment.

15 MS. COLLINS: The other thing I like about  
16 it is that it names two other forms of identification  
17 that are acceptable, one of which has been discussed  
18 today, and that is a student identification card issued  
19 by a public or private institution of higher education  
20 located in Texas that contains the person's photograph.  
21 I think that is a very good point about this bill.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Thank you.

23 MS. COLLINS: The other thing that I like  
24 in here --

25 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: And for the



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1 record, that was done before the young lady testified  
2 earlier today.

3 MS. COLLINS: That's right. The other  
4 thing I like is a valid employee identification card  
5 that contains the person's photograph and is issued by  
6 the employer of the person in the ordinary course of the  
7 employer's business, school teachers, all -- you know,  
8 we work in a -- most factories now require those, so I  
9 think it should be acceptable because it's got the  
10 picture on it. That's the point.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are you sure you  
12 haven't already been to his home?

13 MS. COLLINS: To whose home? No, I  
14 haven't.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I appreciate that  
16 because I have a lot of plant employees in the security  
17 at Dow Company or BSF, and the credentials required to  
18 enter and exit those facilities are rather significant.  
19 One quick thing I'd like to point out. You were talking  
20 about how wonderful my bill is. One change I want you  
21 to be aware of that I would make if my bill made it out  
22 of committee, Mr. Chairman, would be that in it I have a  
23 10 -- 10 business days for them to come back and show  
24 proof on the provisional ballot. I would change that  
25 backwards to seven because of canvassing and that.



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1 MS. COLLINS: Also, I like the idea that  
2 your bill is going to be implemented sooner rather than  
3 later. I think I would find January the 1st, 2010,  
4 acceptable.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No, it won't.

6 MS. COLLINS: Won't be what?

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No, it won't.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Mr. Smith is  
9 suggesting that my bill won't see the light of day.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, no, actually,  
11 that's not what I was suggesting. What I was suggesting  
12 is the legal challenges to his bill will prevent it from  
13 being implemented right away.

14 MS. COLLINS: That may be the case. I  
15 don't know what all those are, so it may be Betty  
16 Brown's bill has more stuff that --

17 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Come on. Don't  
18 let him beat you into that.

19 MS. COLLINS: But, anyway, I've already  
20 said why I like your bill, and I also like the  
21 implementation of the fact that it's done sooner. I  
22 feel like January 1st, 2010, is a fair date --

23 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: That's a very good  
24 day.

25 MS. COLLINS: -- for this to be



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1 implemented, and the reason why I'm saying that is if  
2 all of the voters who were registered and mobilized to  
3 vote for last November, if that could be done in the  
4 short period of time that it was done, we can get this  
5 done.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: That's right.

7 MS. COLLINS: Especially when the  
8 Secretary of State is promulgating it, and it could  
9 start -- if whatever bill passes, it can be started  
10 immediately saying that at such and such a time you are  
11 going to have to have so and so and so and so. I will  
12 say --

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: In a perfect world where  
14 there was no lawyers, you would be correct.

15 MS. COLLINS: Well, that's true. But,  
16 anyway, I will say that --

17 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Well, we wouldn't  
18 have that if we didn't have lawyers.

19 MS. COLLINS: A lot of the people in my  
20 precinct just automatically pull out their voter  
21 registration card and their driver's license, and when I  
22 poll watched in another minority precinct, not in Oak  
23 Cliff, but in another one in Dallas County, I would say  
24 probably -- of the voters used their driver's license  
25 rather than their voter -- one lady out of all the poll



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1 watching I've ever done used -- and it's been used a  
2 lot, their utility -- some utility bill or something  
3 like that. I forgot exactly what it was, but one person  
4 out of all that time.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes, Representative  
6 Bonnen?

7 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I just have to ask  
8 you this question. I vote with my driver's license, and  
9 I vote in my hometown where I was born and raised and  
10 have lived my entire life except for Stinson College,  
11 and the nice ladies who I grew up around who have worked  
12 the polls forever, they chastise me greatly for not  
13 having my Voter ID card. Would you do that to me if you  
14 were --

15 MS. COLLINS: No.

16 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: Thank you.

17 MS. COLLINS: Because under the present  
18 law, it says, you know, you can have the photo ID. If  
19 they present identification that's listed as one of the  
20 forms of identification along with about 20 others and  
21 that is an acceptable form, so, no, we don't say  
22 anything.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: I've never  
24 understood why they pick on me about that. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,



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1 members? Okay. Do you wish to testify yes or no on  
2 House Bill 4418?

3 MS. COLLINS: Is that Dunnam's bill?

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yes.

5 MS. COLLINS: Well, that is just a joke.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, state your name and  
7 who you represent.

8 MS. COLLINS: Mary Ann Collins. I  
9 represent myself.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Let us have it.

11 MS. COLLINS: All right. All he is saying  
12 is nothing more than what we already have. The voter  
13 registration card, it's only laminated and it's plastic.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BONNEN: That's, I think,  
15 his point, unfortunately.

16 MS. COLLINS: Well, the point is -- I  
17 mean, it's crazy. We've got a voter registration card  
18 now that serves the same person and the security that he  
19 keeps harping about of the security of the ballot that  
20 is not the issue. The security of the ballot, the issue  
21 is is this the person -- is this the person who's  
22 presenting this card. It's not the security of the  
23 ballot itself. It's is this that person? That's the  
24 point of the whole thing. So that other stuff is in my  
25 opinion nuts.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to --

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: The only regret is that  
4 he wasn't here to hear that.

5 MS. COLLINS: I might have been a little  
6 bit nicer if he had been here. Probably not though.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I want to be very  
8 clear that the record should reflect that the Dunnam  
9 bill is nuts.

10 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Questions?

11 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say thank you to Mary  
13 Ann and to tell the committee how fortunate I am because  
14 Mary Ann was involved in my recap, so you can imagine  
15 how -- how she impressed the members of the ballot  
16 board. Thank you, Mary.

17 MS. COLLINS: I will have -- may I ask --  
18 Well, I think I shouldn't say that, but Buck Woods sat  
19 at the same table that I was, and he had a really good  
20 time reading the New York Times the majority of the  
21 time, so he said he never saw voter fraud. Well, he's  
22 busy reading the New York Times.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. Roberto  
24 Hinojosa?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not here.



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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He left.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Dick Tyson? I think I  
3 remember him.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's not here. He  
5 used to be one of my constituents.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Randy Weber? Sandra  
7 Lackey? Marsha Correia? Ruth Epstein? Albert  
8 Stewart? I want to invite you to come back to any  
9 elections committee hearing that we have because  
10 everybody on the committee would like to make that  
11 invitation to you.

12 MS. COLLINS: Thank you. I've been here  
13 on some of them. I don't know how many, but some.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would -- I'd like  
15 to make the recommendation that we simply allow her to  
16 be used as a special resource witness in the future.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm here with my  
18 list of bills that she can come --

19 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Just put her on the  
20 committee.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I recommended she run.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're killing all  
23 those bills.

24 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Christopher Bilardi? I  
25 don't want to kill all these bills.



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1 MS. COLLINS: So just put me down.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Do you have that you are  
3 testifying? Come up real quick.

4 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: You'll have to come  
5 up or you'll kill the bills. Just come on up and say  
6 that there it is.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I recognize Carolyn  
8 Galloway in favor of House Bill 125. Please state your  
9 name and who you represent.

10 MS. GALLOWAY: Carolyn Galloway, and I  
11 represent Texas Eagle Forum. Is that all and I'm in  
12 favor.

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: It says here you are  
14 representing yourself. Do you want to put down here  
15 that you're representing the Eagle Forum? Please do.

16 MS. GALLOWAY: I thought I did.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't hurry.  
18 Mrs. Collins is waiting.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any questions, members?  
20 Good night. Thank you. Laura Allbritton? Louise  
21 Whiteford? Hayward Vickery, Junior? Shirley Lindsey?  
22 Melissa Gonzalez? Matthew Mannis? Laurie Bartlett?  
23 Terri Burke? Keith Rodebush? Thank you. Testifying  
24 for House Bill 125. Please state your name and who you  
25 represent.



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1 MR. RODEBUSH: Keith Rodebush. I'm here  
2 representing the North Shore Republicans Club at Lago  
3 Vista, Texas. I have a statement that was approved by  
4 the board members of the North Shore Republicans.  
5 Pardon me. But after being here for 13 hours, if you  
6 don't mind, without objection, I'd like to just turn  
7 this over to you and go rogue for a little bit.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Sure. You are welcome  
9 to.

10 MR. RODEBUSH: Thank you very much for  
11 having us here. I want to say that first, get that out  
12 of the way. I really appreciate everything you're doing  
13 and the hours that you're putting in on this very  
14 important issue. But after listening to all the  
15 testimony that I've heard today, I have to say that in  
16 my opinion -- again, this is not the North Shore  
17 Republicans speaking, this is Keith Rodebush -- this is  
18 exactly the problem with our government. We get so tied  
19 up in the minutiae of everything. Everybody's trying to  
20 work out all these fine details that we forget the  
21 overall philosophical debate. And that's what I would  
22 like to have all of you think about is to concentrate on  
23 the overall philosophical debate. The right to vote  
24 obviously is a sacred right. It should be protected for  
25 all people.



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1           You're never going to get rid of all the  
2 fraud. You're never going to keep from disenfranchising  
3 someone. Those are facts. We all know that. That's  
4 philosophical debate. It is your job as the government  
5 to protect our right to vote, however, and to make it as  
6 secure as possible. So you have to weigh on the one  
7 hand your overall job to protect our right to vote. On  
8 the other hand, what you have is convenience and cost.  
9 You want to make it as convenient as possible. You  
10 don't want to spend too much money on this.

11           The logical decision to make on this is a  
12 photo ID. It is not perfect. Some people will be  
13 disenfranchised. They may get scared and walk away. I  
14 guess those same people don't rent videotapes because  
15 you have to have a photo ID to do that.

16           CHAIRMAN SMITH: You also have to have a  
17 DVD player.

18           MR. RODEBUSH: Exactly. And the other  
19 thing I'd say, you know, these groups that come up  
20 against this bill, I respect them and all the work  
21 they're doing is fantastic, the time that they're  
22 spending. If they spent that time and the money and the  
23 resources going out there and getting photo IDs for all  
24 their constituents, we've got 2 percent -- We've all  
25 said here today you've got 2 percent that need photo



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1 IDs. If all these groups get together, I guarantee you  
2 they could have photo IDs for those 2 percent of the  
3 Texans in no time, and the issue would be over.

4 So that's all I'd like to say. It's late,  
5 and I know we're all getting a little punch drunk here,  
6 but please everybody keep in mind that the overall  
7 debate, the philosophical debate is the most important.  
8 It is up to you to protect our right to vote. It is not  
9 up to you to get us up off the couch, make us go down to  
10 the voting booth, make us get a photo ID. We do that on  
11 our own. It's a responsibility, not just a right. All  
12 of the founding fathers said that we did not want to  
13 just sweep up everybody in the country and take them  
14 down to the voting booth. You needed to be informed.  
15 You needed to be motivated. It's part of it. It is a  
16 responsibility.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tell me this.

18 MR. RODEBUSH: It's not just a right.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Tell me this. Because of  
20 the concerns regarding economic barriers for that  
21 percentage, would you be willing to pay if it were  
22 determined that this is someone requesting an ID who  
23 does not have a driver's license -- we could determine  
24 that, they don't have a driver's license? They're  
25 requesting an ID for purposes of voting. Would you as a



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1 taxpayer of the state be willing to pay for them to  
2 obtain a birth certificate at taxpayer expense?

3 MR. RODEBUSH: No, sir. The reason I say  
4 that is because I want to get back to what I said  
5 originally. This is the problem with the government.  
6 Everybody comes to daddy government and says I've got a  
7 little problem here and now you have to fix it. Oh,  
8 I've got a different problem and you have to fix it.  
9 Oh, I've got a different problem and you have to fix it.  
10 I say that you, as the government, need to tell us that  
11 we're going to protect your right to vote. We're going  
12 to do that by requiring you to have a photo ID. It's up  
13 to the rest of us to take care of it.

14 Speaking again for the North Shore  
15 Republicans, I can tell you that if there's anybody in  
16 our neighborhood that cannot afford a photo ID, we would  
17 be the first ones on the block to make sure they got  
18 one, and I know many organizations that would be willing  
19 to help people out, and that's what I want you to  
20 understand.

21 You don't need to fix every little problem  
22 here. Let us do it. We can do it. Churches can do it.  
23 All these groups that came up tonight, they have lots of  
24 money, and people all over the streets, they can do it.  
25 We can get photo IDs for this 2 percent, and we really



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1 don't need you, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I agree with you  
3 that we can't fix every little problem. What I disagree  
4 with you about is that economic barriers to a voting  
5 booth is a little problem.

6 MR. RODEBUSH: I don't think it's a little  
7 problem, but I don't think it's a problem that you  
8 necessarily have to fix, especially if you end up  
9 jumping through many more hoops making laws very  
10 complicated and then tell the people now the taxpayers  
11 all have to pay money for this. We have to have systems  
12 in place. It doesn't have to be all that difficult.  
13 The only thing the lady that we just saw that you like  
14 so much, she says it's very easy. I just want to know  
15 the person standing in front of me is who he says he is.  
16 If somebody comes in and says they're Keith Rodebush,  
17 you need to know that that's who it is. So a photo ID,  
18 that's your job. Getting the photo ID is Keith  
19 Rodebush's job.

20 Now, if I'm indigent and there's no way I  
21 can do it, there are organizations out there who help  
22 these kind of people all the time. I contribute to some  
23 of those organizations. I'd be glad to write those  
24 people letters that I contribute to and say here's where  
25 I'd like some of my money going. Make sure that they



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1 have photo IDs.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Well, I don't think  
3 anybody -- I don't think anybody really alleged that  
4 there's anybody out there, anybody, you know, that can't  
5 at some point in their life access 20 to \$40. The  
6 question is whether or not there is a category of voters  
7 that because of that cost is going to be deterred from  
8 voting. That was the issue of the poll tax. It wasn't  
9 that there were a lot of voters out there that couldn't  
10 handle 1.50. It was that that particular class of  
11 voters would be particularly deterred from voting  
12 because that had a more significant effect on them than  
13 it did on other classes of voters, and that -- that's --  
14 and that's the ruling of the Supreme Court and that rule  
15 has not changed and will not change and that requires us  
16 to treat economic barriers differently.

17 Now, I don't know that the problem here is  
18 a legal barrier because I think the kind of thing that  
19 we are talking about, and if I'm correct, has been held  
20 not to be a legal poll tax, but I still believe it's a  
21 legitimate issue as a matter of public policy for us to  
22 consider.

23 MR. RODEBUSH: I can appreciate you being  
24 concerned about that, especially since you have to  
25 listen to testimony of person after person saying, oh,



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1 my God, nobody will ever vote if you do this, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Nobody said that.

3 MR. RODEBUSH: I'm exaggerating to make a  
4 point, obviously.

5 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Indigents will not vote  
6 in disproportionate numbers to the extent that you  
7 create economic barriers to polls, and I think they're  
8 right about that.

9 MR. RODEBUSH: But if those indigents are  
10 helped by somebody to get a photo ID, not only will they  
11 vote, they will have a photo ID for other purposes.  
12 They will be better off for it.

13 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I agree with you about  
14 that.

15 MR. RODEBUSH: And what I'm saying to you,  
16 sir, is that it's -- I don't believe that it's the  
17 government's job to go out and fix all of these small  
18 little problems that rise from anything that you do.  
19 That's up to the individual to participate. I don't  
20 believe that you're putting a substantial barrier in  
21 their way. That's not to say there's not some barrier.  
22 The same could be said that they have to make it down to  
23 the polling station too. Do we have to have a tax now  
24 to give everybody gas money to get to the polling  
25 stations? Some people don't -- When gas went \$4 a



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1 gallon, there are some people that don't have \$4. I  
2 understand that.

3 That's why I'm saying, philosophically  
4 speaking, you are not going to solve it all, and we  
5 shouldn't try to. We should try to look at it from a  
6 broader perspective and say that there is a good reason  
7 for the government to protect our right to vote for the  
8 money and for the convenience of it. The easiest way to  
9 do that right now is with a photo ID, which we've all  
10 said today 98 percent of us already have. The 2 percent  
11 that do not have that, you're claiming a burden will be  
12 put upon, can be fixed by us without you writing  
13 anything. That's what I'm saying. Nobody should be  
14 denied a right to vote, nobody.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: If I believed that, I  
16 could assure that that would happen, then I wouldn't  
17 have any problem philosophically, but I don't know how  
18 you assure me on that.

19 MR. RODEBUSH: I don't know how you assure  
20 me that any bill that you ever write is not going to  
21 keep somebody from voting.

22 CHAIRMAN SMITH: No. I think that's  
23 correct as a matter of degree.

24 MR. RODEBUSH: What I'm saying is that  
25 you're not putting an undue burden upon them.



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1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
2 members?

3 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you. Thank  
4 you. I think that you have kind of brought us back to  
5 full circle where we started off, you know, saying that  
6 we need photo IDs, and you're right. We have gotten  
7 involved in all the minutiae. We've had to do that, but  
8 we don't need to lose site of the fact of our goal, and  
9 our goal is to create photo IDs so that our elections  
10 will be more secure.

11 MR. RODEBUSH: Well, thank you, ma'am, and  
12 that's the reason that I waited this long to come in on  
13 your bill because it was more simplified, and I think  
14 that's the way it needs to be. I think we need to  
15 understand that there are things the government can do,  
16 but we really need to get away from this idea that the  
17 government needs to take care of every little small  
18 problem in our lives. It's getting way out of hand.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: We've gone awful  
20 far down that road.

21 MR. RODEBUSH: It's not just on this  
22 issue, but it's on many more issues and especially at  
23 the Federal level. Looking at what's happening at the  
24 Federal level. This is what happens when the government  
25 thinks it has to fix everything, and you may think,



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1 well, that's not going to happen here in Texas. That  
2 didn't happen overnight. It happened over 200 years,  
3 and it can happen here too if we continually think that  
4 we have to fix every little minute detail. No. Your  
5 job is to set the philosophical larger aspect of the  
6 issue. It's the rest of our responsibility to get out  
7 there and take care of it on our own.

8 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions,  
9 members?

10 REPRESENTATIVE BROWN: Thank you, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, sir.  
12 Appreciate it.

13 MR. RODEBUSH: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Robert Green? Brent  
15 Munhofen, whatever -- Munhofen. Barbara Mabray --  
16 Mabray? God. Barbara Mueller? Rebecca Forest? John  
17 Yarber? Ramiro Mondragon?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mondragon.

19 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or whatever.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: David Harris? Roman  
22 Pena? Brenda Johnson? Sheila Dean? Richard Wheeler?  
23 Estelle Teague? Donna Keel? Martha Blomquist? Anybody  
24 else who wishes to testify for or against House Bill  
25 125, House Bill 2335, House Bill 2513, House Bill 3556,



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1 House Bill 4418 or House Bill 4421? Patti?

2 MS. EDELMAN: Representative Bonnen  
3 probably lost it. Yes. I'm Patti Edelman.

4 CHAIRMAN SMITH: I think you just  
5 mistakenly put no testimony. Did you not mean to do  
6 that?

7 MS. EDELMAN: I put no originally and then  
8 I X'd it out and circled the other one.

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Only on one bill  
10 which is 4421?

11 MS. EDELMAN: Whatever.

12 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All of them?

13 MS. EDELMAN: My points are germane to you  
14 pick up --

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Yeah. I'm going to hear  
16 them one at a time.

17 MS. EDELMAN: Which one you want me to  
18 talk about? You just say what number it is, and I'll  
19 speak.

20 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Good. That's  
21 pretty impressive. 4421. If I could ask Patti Edelman.

22 MS. EDELMAN: I'm Patti Edelman.

23 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Testifying for that house  
24 bill on behalf of yourself. Please state your name and  
25 who you represent.



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1 MS. EDELMAN: My name is Patti Edelman.  
2 I'm representing me as a citizen.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay.

4 MS. EDELMAN: Two points. The woman  
5 earlier that you all were joking around with made some  
6 comment about how driver's licenses didn't do this, that  
7 and the other, and I went and pulled mine out, and,  
8 actually, it has a bar code on the back of it and having  
9 been a poll worker, I can tell you that the bar code  
10 actually -- is connected to the VUID number, which is  
11 the Voter Unique ID Number, and so there's nothing that  
12 would prevent this right now from being used as a photo  
13 ID, and mine looks better than yours because my hair's  
14 the same.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, actually, you  
16 don't have my driver's license.

17 MS. EDELMAN: No. I said mine looks  
18 better. Does yours have hair on it?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can't control  
20 whether legislative services uses updated photos, but my  
21 driver's license does.

22 MS. EDELMAN: The other thing that I  
23 wanted to say about -- about Voter ID and whether or not  
24 somebody would have one or not such as the gentleman who  
25 just spoke about the government's not responsible for



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